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Heavy rainfall floods city again; alert issued

BENGALURU

Heavy rains lashing the city over the last two days has again exposed the chinks in the civic infrastructure and lack of preparedness on part of the civic body, as familiar scenes of residential pockets facing flood-like situation repeated on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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The Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Srirangapatna has been declared a Ramsar site underlining its status as a wetland of international importance.

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SC calls for a panel to look into freebies issue

Court asks parties for inputs to set up a specialised body

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said Parliament may not be able to effectively debate the issue of doing away with "irrational freebies" offered to voters during elections, saying the "reality" is that not a single political party wants to take away freebies.

The court suggested setting up a specialised body composed of persons who can "dispassionately" examine the problem.

The observations from a Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana came even as the Centre said these freebies were paving the way for an "economic disaster" besides "distorting the informed decision of voters".

The Centre, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, said it "substantially and in principle" supported doing away with the practice of promising freebies to voters.

The court directed the parties to make "suggestions for the composition of a body". It proposed that this body could examine ways to resolve the issue of freebies and file a report before the Centre or the Election Commission of India (ECI). The court said once the parties come up with suggestions on the composition of such a body in a week, it would pass orders.

> These days everyone wants freebies. Not a single political party will allow freebies to be taken away... We take the side of the ordinary people, the downtrodden. Their welfare has to be taken care of. We are not just looking at this as just another problem during election time... We are looking at the national economic well-being
>
> N.V. RAMANA
> Chief Justice of India

Mr. Mehta said the court should allow the ECI to "apply its mind" to the problem.

'Keep ECI away'

But senior advocate Kapil Sibal said the ECI should be "kept away" from the discussion on freebies. The issue was political and economic in nature and did not just concern elections, he said. "The Parliament will have to debate," Mr. Sibal said.

"Mr. Sibal, do you think there will be a debate in Parliament? These days everyone wants freebies. Not a single political party will allow freebies to be taken away... We take the side of the ordinary people, the downtrodden. Their welfare has to be taken care of. We are not just looking at this as just another problem during election time... We are looking at the national economic well-being," Chief Justice Ramana said.

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China steps up pressure on Taiwan

Military exercises to seal off airspace for four days

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

China's military on Thursday will begin one of its largest ever exercises in waters off Taiwan that will effectively seal off its airspace and waters for four days, part of a number of measures Beijing is expected to announce in retaliation for Wednesday's visit by United States House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The Chinese military said it will begin large-scale exercises in six areas in the waters and airspace to the north, east, southwest and southeast around the island of Taiwan at noon on Thursday (9.30 a.m. IST) and also conduct live-fire drills and missile tests.

Perilous visit: Nancy Pelosi speaking with Taiwan's Foreign Minister Joseph Wu before leaving Taipei on Wednesday. • AP

Some of the drills will be in what Taiwan sees as its territorial waters.

Chinese analysts described the four-day exercises as an effective "blockade", which is likely to disrupt both shipping and aviation.

"For safety reasons, entering of vessels and aircraft to the above-mentioned sea and air space is prohibited," an official notice said. Taiwan's Taoyuan International Airport on Wednesday said as many as 51 international flights have been cancelled on Thursday alone as the drills begin.

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Union govt. rolls back Data Protection Bill

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union government on Wednesday withdrew the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, from the Lok Sabha and said it will come up with a fresh Bill that "fits into the comprehensive legal framework".

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State Congress tries to send out unity message

GIRISH PATTANASHETTI
DAVANGERE

With nine months left for the Assembly elections, Karnataka Congress sought to use the mammoth 75th birthday event of Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah in Davangere on Wednesday to send out a message of unity among its leaders.

Showering praises on Mr. Siddaramaiah's five-year governance and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar's organisational skills – the two leaders who are seen as being at loggerheads and rival contenders for the Chief Minister's post – MP and former AICC president Rahul Gandhi said, "The State Congress stands united to fight against the BJP's misrule and unseat it from power."

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Young Indian office in Delhi sealed by ED

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday temporarily sealed the office of Young Indian here, hours after it carried out searches at multiple locations in connection with the *National Herald* case.

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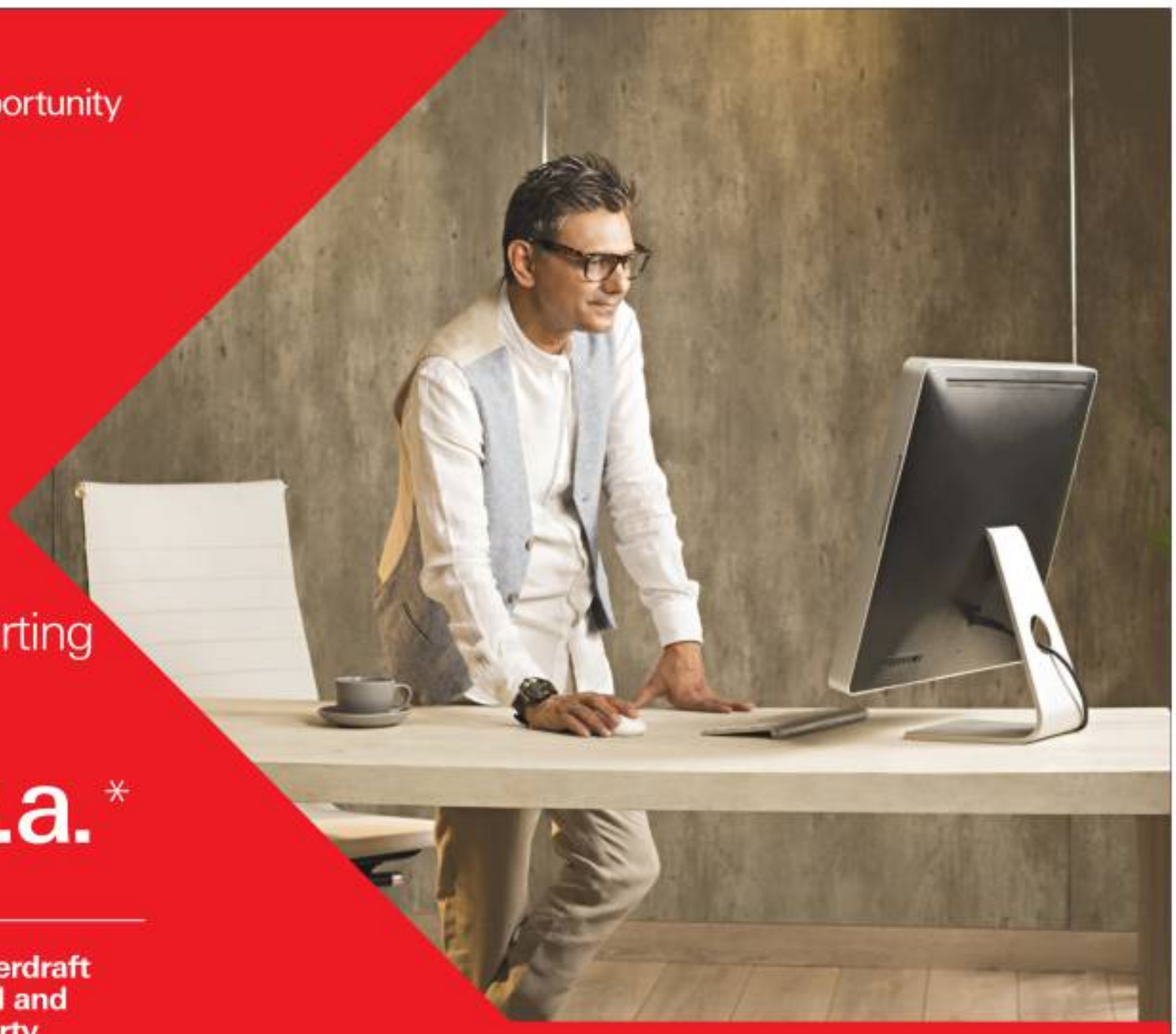

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Surge in crorepatis

1.31 In lakh, the number of people in India who filed a total income above ₹1 crore in FY22 compared to the 1.25 people in FY21, increasing the number of crorepatis in the country. Presenting the data on tax filers with Gross Total Income of ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore and above ₹1 crore in 2021-22 and 2020-21 to the Rajya Sabha, the Minister of State in the Finance Ministry also informed an increase in the number of individuals whose income was between ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore. It had surged to 77 lakh from about 73 lakh last year.

Trade deficit widens

31.02 In $ billion, the record-low widening in trade deficit in July compared to the $26.18 billion in June. The trade deficit was recorded at $10.63 billion a year earlier. The trade deficit widened as imports during the month increased by 43.59% to $66.26 billion, led by sectors including petroleum, electronic goods, coal and coke according to trade estimates released for July by the Commerce and Industry Ministry. The country's exports dipped by 0.76%. PTI

NHAI debt

3.49 In ₹ lakh crore, the outstanding debt of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) as of March 31, 2022. Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said the fund required by NHAI for debt servicing in 2022-23 will be ₹31,282 crore. Mr. Gadkari also said that the monetisation plan of operational highway stretches includes 26,700 km of highways with four lanes. The plan takes up ₹1.6 lakh crore of the total asset monetisation plan of ₹6 lakh crore over a period of four years. PTI

Decline in insurgency

74 In percentage, the reduction in insurgency incidents in northeast India since 2014. There has also been an 89% decline in civilian deaths in the region since 2014. Replying to a written question in the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said that the security situation of northeastern States had improved substantially. He explained, from 2014 till July 15, 2022, a total of 6,070 cadres of various insurgent groups in northeastern States surrendered with 1,404 arms and went onto join mainstream society. PTI

Central pensions

2.54 In ₹ lakh crore, the total expenditure incurred on nearly 70 lakh central government pensioners by the Union government of India during the financial year 2021-22. There were 69,76,240 pensioners and family pensioners — 11,28,441 civil pensioners, 36,03,609 defence pensioners (including armed forces), 4,32,968 telecom pensioners, 14,82,223 railway pensioners and 3,28,999 postal pensioners, according to the Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh in the Lok Sabha. PTI

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EXPLAINER

Al-Qaeda's Ayman al-Zawahiri

How was Zawahiri's stint as leader of the terrorist outfit different from that of his predecessor Osama bin Laden?

STANLY JOHNY

THE GIST

- Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Afghanistan on Sunday, President Joe Biden announced. He was wanted for planning and executing some of the biggest terrorist attacks in the world, including the 9/11 attacks in the U.S.
- Zawahiri was inspired by the revolutionary Islamism of Sayyid Qutb. The teachings of Sayyid Qutb, a Brotherhood-associated cleric inspired and radicalised generations of Muslims. Qutb called for the liberation of the Muslim community "from the false laws and customs that are not even remotely related to Islamic teachings" through jihad.
- Zawahiri's strategy as chief of al-Qaeda was to retain it as a decentralised network of autonomous terror franchises. He exploited the Syrian civil war to build a Qaeda network in the country and also exploited the vacuum created by the fall of Mohammar Gaddafi in Libya to strengthen al-Qaeda Africa. His focus was on survival.

The story so far: Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Afghanistan on Sunday, President Joe Biden announced on Monday. U.S. intelligence agents had tracked down the safe house in downtown Kabul where Zawahiri was hiding earlier this year and had been watching him ever since to establish a pattern of life. An American drone fired two hellfire missiles at Zawahiri when he appeared in the balcony of the safe house on Sunday morning (local time), killing him instantly, according to U.S. officials.

Who was Zawahiri?

Born into a wealthy family of medical professionals in 1951, a year before the Officers Revolution brought down the monarchy, Zawahiri grew up in Gamal Abdel Nasser's secular Egypt. This was also a period when Egypt saw intense ideological and violent clashes between the Islamists of the Muslim Brotherhood and Nasser's modern secular socialist state. Sayyid Qutb, a Brotherhood-associated cleric, emerged as one of the strongest Islamist critics of the Nasser era. Qutb was hanged in 1966, but his writings would continue to inspire and radicalise generations of Muslims. According to Qutb, the world was divided into Islam and jahiliya (ignorance) and he called for the liberation for the Muslim community "from the false laws and customs that are not even remotely related to Islamic teachings" through jihad. Zawahiri was one of the Egyptian youngsters who was inspired by the revolutionary Islamism of Qutb. But Nasser had driven the Muslim Brotherhood underground. Most of its leaders were behind bars. Zawahiri, already a member of the Brotherhood, had formed an underground Islamist cell in the 1960s whose main goal was to overthrow the government and establish an Islamist state.

A graduate in medicine from Cairo University, Zawahiri, who spoke Arabic, English and French, worked briefly in the Egyptian Army as a doctor, before opening a clinic in Maadi, south of Cairo. He continued his underground activities while practising in the clinic. In the late 1970s, his Islamist cell merged with other radical units to form the Egyptian Islamic Jihad. In the early 1980s, Zawahiri travelled to Peshawar to work with the Red Crescent Society, the Islamic arm of the Red Cross that was involved in treating the wounded Afghan Mujahideen who were fighting the Soviets across the Khyber Pass in Afghanistan. It was during this period Zawahiri met Osama bin Laden, the young Saudi billionaire who was running a camp for the Mujahideen in Pakistan. That was the beginning of a lasting relationship which would see both men planning and executing some of the biggest terrorist attacks in the world, including the September 11, 2001 attack in the U.S.

What was his role in al-Qaeda?

By the time the Soviet troops were forced to withdraw from Afghanistan in 1989, Bin Laden had established an army of Mujahideen under his command and founded al-Qaeda. He was initially offered a hero's welcome in Saudi Arabia. But when the Saudis found him as a threat and expelled him, he moved to Sudan, where dictator Omar Bashir welcomed him. Zawahiri, then leader of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, followed Bin Laden to Sudan, where they were running training camps for jihadists. When Bin Laden moved back to Afghanistan in the mid-1990s, Zawahiri followed him again. It was in the Taliban-controlled Afghanistan that Bin Laden built al-Qaeda as the world's most potent terrorist machinery. In February 1998, Bin Laden, Zawahiri and their co-jihadists issued a 'fatwa' in the name of the World Islamic Front. In the edict, titled 'Jihad against Jews and Crusaders', they said the U.S., through its occupation of Muslim lands "has declared war on Allah, his Messenger and the Muslims". It said "the ruling to kill the Americans and their allies is an individual duty of every Muslim". Six months after the fatwa was announced, al-Qaeda bombed American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing 224 people. Zawahiri was believed to have played a critical role in the planning of this bombing and many more attacks to come.

There were conflicting accounts on when exactly he merged the Egyptian Islamic Jihad with al-Qaeda. Some say it was in 1998, while some other accounts say it was in 2001, a few months ahead of the September 11 attacks. Ever since the merger, which created Qaeda al-Jihad, Zawahiri has been the second-in-command of the outfit. He went into hiding, along with Bin Laden, in 2001 when the U.S. invaded Afghanistan after the 9/11 attacks. After Bin Laden was killed in 2011 by an American commando raid in Pakistan's Abottabad, Zawahiri was the obvious choice to be the 'emir' of the terrorist group.

What is his legacy as al-Qaeda chief?

When Zawahiri became the 'emir', al-Qaeda had already been substantially weakened. They lost their safe haven in Afghanistan. Both the leadership and the foot soldiers were driven underground. Osama Bin Laden was killed. And Arab Spring protests were rocking Muslim countries that brought down well-entrenched regimes of dictators such as Zainul Abidin Ben Ali of Tunisia and Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. In his youth, Zawahiri wanted to bring down the Egyptian regime through jihad, but in 2011, he saw street protests achieving that goal. Many experts have pointed out that Zawahiri lacked the charisma of Bin Laden. His authority as the terrorist-in-chief was tested when a leader of an al-Qaeda branch, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, announced a new organisation called the Islamic State. Zawahiri refused to recognise the Islamic State, leading to clashes between Jabhat al-Nusra, which was the al-Qaeda arm in Syria, and the Islamic State, which used to be the al-Qaeda in Iraq. It marked a fitna (split) in the global jihadist landscape and the Islamic State quickly rose as a proto-state – what they called a new Caliphate – capturing and holding territories from eastern Syria to the outskirts of Baghdad, the Iraqi capital. Zawahiri's strategy was to retain al-Qaeda as a decentralised network of autonomous terror franchises. He exploited the Syrian civil war to build a Qaeda network in the country, the latest avatar of which is currently controlling Syria's Idlib. He also exploited the vacuum created by the fall of Mohammar Gaddafi in Libya to strengthen al-Qaeda Africa. His focus was on survival. The Islamic State lost the territories it had and suffered huge setbacks. But al-Qaeda still operates through its franchisees.

What is the current state of al-Qaeda?

Al-Qaeda today is a different beast from what it was under Osama bin Laden. There are different branches such as al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, al-Shabab and al-Qaeda in the Sinai Peninsula and Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (Idlib). These groups are ideologically connected to the Salafi-Jihadist ideals of the original al-Qaeda founded by Bin Laden, whose main goal is to uproot the "un-Islamic" governance models through jihad and establish an emirate (on the lines of the teachings of Sayyid Qutb). Most of them also use the al-Qaeda brand. But they have their own leadership and tactics in the geographies they operate in. This has made it difficult for any centralised military action to defeat al-Qaeda. Zawahiri's killing is clearly a setback to the al-Qaeda brand. But it is to be seen whether his death would weaken the operations of the different al-Qaeda networks that have spread across continents.

Swift strike: Osama bin Laden with Ayman al-Zawahiri in 2001. • VIA REUTERS

EXPLAINER

Understanding the provisions for foreign visits of State government Ministers

Why was Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal denied clearance to attend the World Cities Summit in Singapore?

DEVESH K PANDEY

THE GIST

- Delhi State Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot has moved court with a plea to set aside the need for travel clearances by the Centre for private foreign visits of State Ministers.
- In 1982, the Cabinet Secretariat issued the first memorandum which stated that foreign visits by members of the State governments in their official capacity would require clearances from the Centre. In 2010, political clearances became mandatory before private visits of Ministers in State governments.
- Mr. Gahlot's petition argues that the need for political clearances for personal foreign visits of State government Ministers violates their right to privacy.

The story so far: Delhi Lieutenant-Governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena recently advised Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal against attending the World Cities Summit in Singapore as it was for "mayors of cities". Now, State Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot – who had also sought political clearance for an official visit to London – has moved the Delhi High Court with a plea to set aside the need for travel clearances by the Centre for private foreign visits of State government Ministers. He has also asked for the framing of appropriate guidelines with respect to the clearances for official foreign tours of Chief Ministers and other State government members.

When did Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal seek approval for Singapore visit?

According to the petition, on April 5, the Chief Minister received an invitation from the Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister of Finance and Development Singapore, to participate in the World Cities Summit scheduled from July 31 to August 3. The State government's Deputy Security (Protocol), through a letter dated June 3, requested that all necessary clearances and arrangements for the visit be made. On June 7, the file was submitted for sign-off to the LG office. On June 3, the petitioner had applied for political clearance for his official visit to London from June 12 to 19.

Additionally, the petition also mentioned another instance wherein political clearance for the Delhi Chief Minister's proposed visit to Copenhagen for attending the 7th C-40 World Mayors Summit in October 2019 was rejected by the MEA "without providing any reasons".

Under which provisions are approvals required?

On August 16, 1982, the Cabinet Secretariat had issued an office memorandum titled "'Guidelines regarding foreign travel of Ministers of State government and Union Territories and State government officials", stating that foreign visits by members of the State governments in their official capacity would require clearances from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Home Affairs, Finance Ministry, and the Central Administrative Ministry. It

Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot • PTI

issued another order on March 30, 1995, reiterating the same.

The Secretariat circulated another order on September 3, 2004, modifying the provisions to the extent that the final orders were to be issued by the Finance Ministry. The following directive dated November 2, 2004, stipulated that Chief Ministers required further approval from the Prime Minister's Office before an official visit. On August 26, 2010, yet another office memorandum made political clearances mandatory before private visits of Ministers in State governments, which was reiterated through an order on May 6, 2015.

The petition seeks a quashing of the 2010 and 2015 office memoranda which require State government Ministers to ask for political clearances for personal visits abroad.

What followed after the approvals were sought?

As no decision on his application was received from the MEA, the petitioner wrote to the Ministry on June 27 raising concerns. He also sought data on the number of such clearances rejected in the past five years. Another letter was sent on July 4, asking for the statutory and constitutional grounds for denial of travel clearances.

Since the LG office had not yet responded on the Singapore visit, the Chief Minister on July 17 wrote a letter addressed to the Prime Minister requesting expedited clearances for the Singapore visit. On July 20, the LG wrote back stating that the visit to Singapore was "not advisable", pointing out that it was primarily attended by mayoral heads and that, in any case, urban governance in Delhi was not the exclusive domain of the State government. The next day, the State government requested political clearance from the Centre directly. However, no communication on the decision has yet been received from the relevant Central government authorities, the petition said.

On what grounds has the petition been filed?

The petition argues that the need for political clearances from the MEA for personal foreign visits of State government Ministers violates their right to privacy and dignity of their constitutional office; that the "undated" LG letter advising against the proposed Singapore visit is beyond the jurisdiction of his office's authority; that the use of "gross delay" to effectively deny clearances for official foreign visits, including the Chief Minister's Singapore visit, is an "arbitrary non-exercise of power"; and that the manner of implementation of the relevant office memoranda on clearances for official visits "suffer from the vice of arbitrariness and un-channeled discretion". It also states that the "arbitrary and capricious implementation" of the travel clearance Office Memoranda is against national interest and good governance, and impinges upon the right to travel abroad as guaranteed under Article 21.

Lalbagh flower show to be litter-free this year

It will be a zero-waste, zero-plastic programme; vendors sign an agreement to not use any kind of plastic during the event

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

The Independence Day flower show this year at Lalbagh Botanical Garden will be a zero-waste, zero-plastic, and zero-littering event as the show makes a comeback after two years.

More than 10 lakh people are expected to visit the flower show between August 5 and 15. In association with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the Solid Waste Management Round Table (SWMRT), a collective for sustainable waste management, has taken up the task of keeping the flower show clean.

A variety of flowers arrive ahead of the flower show at Lalbagh Glass House in Bengaluru on Wednesday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Waste segregation

The dry waste generated at the show will be collected and processed at their facility by SAHAS, another waste management NGO, while the wet waste will be composted. "When the show was last held around three years ago, we almost managed to go zero waste except for mineral water bottles sold outside the gates. This year, we are appointing BBMP marshals to keep an eye on such activities to levy fines," said N.S. Ramakant, founder, SWMRT.

He added that five marshals will be making rounds during the 10 days of the show to monitor plastic usage and littering. He also said that 300 policemen who are deployed for the show will also help in keeping the garden clean by checking on littering. "All the vendors who will put up stalls at the show have also signed an agreement to not use any kind of plastics - both single use and reusable. This will help our movement even more" Mr. Ramakant said.

In a press conference on Wednesday by the Mysore Horticultural Society and the Department of Horticulture, it was announced that the flower show is being arranged at a total cost of ₹2.3 crore. A total of 3.5 lakh flower pots of over 65 varieties will be displayed within the Glass House. Along with 20 varieties of temperate flowers from Ooty, 27 varieties of flowers including tulips, hydrangea, hypericum berry and others have arrived from 10 countries. The flower show this time will be an ode to actors Rajkumar and Puneeth Rajkumar.

The entry fee for the flower show has been increased slightly this year. On weekdays, adults will have to pay ₹80 per ticket and ₹100 on weekends. For children under 12 years, the price will be ₹30 per ticket and for schoolchildren who come in uniforms, entry will be free.

Special attractions

A replica of Rajkumar's birthplace in Gajanur with 1.75 lakh roses and 1.50 lakh chrysanthemums

A replica of Shakthidhama in Mysuru with 1.06 lakh roses and 40 thousand chrysanthemums

Various statues of Rajkumar and Puneeth Rajkumar

A replica of Rajkumar from Bedara Kannappa movie to spread awareness about eye donation

BBMP starts helpline to deal with monkey menace

Residents can call toll free no. 1533

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The city's civic body started a dedicated helpline to tackle monkey menace in the city on Wednesday.

The civic body has started '1533', a toll free helpline number where the residents can complain about monkey and other animal menace to the civic body. This comes a month after the High Court of Karnataka, on June 7, hearing a PIL petition filed by B.S. Radhanandan, a city-based advocate, issued directions to evolve a scheme to protect residents of Bengaluru from the menace of monkeys. The court had also directed authorities to ensure that monkeys were driven back to their natural habitats in a humane way.

Pointing out that several residential localities in the city are experiencing frequent attacks by groups of monkeys, which come in search of food, the petitioner had said that residents and their welfare associations were unable to get help from civic authorities to overcome this menace but were forced to seek help of unauthorised persons for trapping these monkeys.

The petitioner had sought directions to the authorities, on the lines of the Delhi High Court's directions, to evolve a mechanism to protect residents from the monkey menace on the one hand and to take care of monkeys as per the law.

"Following the directions of the court, the BBMP has started the helpline and also the people can complain about any animal related menace on the 'Namma Bengaluru Mobile app," BBMP said in a release.

Soaring prices of vegetables, flowers, and fruits fail to dampen festive spirit

Demand and continuous rainfall have contributed to the rising prices

PRERANA KULKARNI
LEESHA K. NAIR
BENGALURU

As the festive spirit comes back to the city after over two years, so do the sky high prices of flowers, fruits and vegetables.

While getting ready to celebrate Varamahalakshmi festival, which falls on Friday this week, without any pandemic restrictions, the residents of the city are not thinking twice before splurging at the markets. The demand, which is expected to stay high throughout the month, and the continuous rainfall have contributed to the price rise.

Jasmine continues to dominate the flower market at ₹1,500 per kg, a steep rise from ₹800 per kg last week. This is followed by crossandra (Kanakambara), which went up from ₹1,300 per kg to ₹2,400 as of Tuesday.

At the Malleswaram fruit market, the price of apple has gone up to ₹330 per kg and pomegranate up to ₹75 per kg.

"We want to celebrate Varamahalakshmi in a huge and grand way. We are excited to be able to go to relatives' houses and celebrate festivities," said Geeta Hegde, a homemaker who was buying fruits and flowers at the market.

She was not concerned about the increased prices and was zealous to decorate her house.

Although the vegetable prices have shot up, the vendors were not too happy as many of their customers have turned to online markets and supermarkets in recent years for their festive shopping. "My business isn't what it was 3 or 4 years ago, but it's still fine. Nowadays, people generally flock towards fancy supermarkets. The sales had been bad for a few days, but now it is slowly gaining momentum. I am hopeful the trend will continue until Dasara festival is over," said Santhosh Kumar, a vegetable vendor in Jalahalli.

The prices of vegetables remained high throughout July. This week, the prices are up by an average of ₹10 per vegetable for the festival. The price of beans, carrot and capsicum was at ₹70, ₹80, and ₹90 respectively at the Yeshwanthpur market.

Jasmine continues to dominate the flower market at ₹1,500 per kg, a steep rise from ₹800 per kg last week. • PRERANA KULKARNI

	Last week	This week
Flower prices		
Jasmine	800	1,500
Rose	600	1400
Chrysanthemum	250	470
Crossandra	1,300	2,400
Fruit prices		
Apple	300	330
Pomegranate	50	75
Banana	85	110
Vegetable prices		
Carrot	80	70
Pumpkin	30	25
Capsicum	90	80
Beans	70	60

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Volvo rolls out new sleeper, seater buses

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Indian bus market, which significantly shrank during the pandemic, is looking up again as markets started showings signs of recovery, said VE Commercial Vehicles (VECV), a joint venture between Volvo Group and Eicher Motors.

The country's bus sales were in the 65,000 to 70,000 units range per annum in pre-pandemic times, but the market almost vanished during COVID to some 10,000-plus buses, said Vinod Aggarwal, MD and CEO of VECV.

"The bus market has been showing signs of significant recovery on the back of recovery seen in the intercity bus travel and tourism industry. In the first four months of this fiscal alone some 19,000 buses are sold and some 5,000 buses are sold in a month in the country," said Mr. Aggarwal.

The luxury bus segment, although a niche segment, was also in a growth mode, he said. "We are expecting the luxury bus market also to recover this year. Currently, some 1,000 luxury busses are sold in the country," Mr. Aggarwal added.

Volvo Buses India, a division of VECV, on Wednesday announced the launch of Volvo 9600 coach platform, which is available on the 15m and 13.5m configurations in sleeper and seater variants. These new busses were manufactured at the company's Hosakote plant, near Kolar.

Volvo invests ₹400 crore to ₹500 crore every year at its Hoskote plant where it manufactures luxury buses, cars and construction equipment.

Two arrested for peddling hashish oil

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Begur police on Friday arrested the owner of a PG accommodation and his associate, a YouTuber from Kerala, for peddling hashish oil. The police seized 2.6 kg of hashish oil worth ₹1.6 crore from them.

Based on a tip-off, a team of police went to Begur Koppa Main Road near a mall and arrested the accused Ashwaq and Shifas P., who were waiting for their clients.

The accused, who are from Mangaluru and Kerala, used to source the drugs from the neighboring State and peddle it in the city.

झारखण्ड सरकार, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, राँची पूर्व, राँची

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पूर्व में प्रकाशित PR. – 256494,262168.

T. Reference No. :- Different Tolas SVS-CLU - 18/2021-22(4TH Call) Date 03.08.2022

Sl. No.	Name of Work	CLUSTER NAME	BLOCK	Estimated Cost (LAKH.)	Bid Security (LAKH)	Cost of BOQ (Rs.)
1.	Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Scheme (SVS) in Different Block comprising of suitable R.C.C./Framed structure ESR Distribution line, Source (as required) and FHTC all complete job in the Different Block of District Ranchi under Drinking Water & Sanitation, Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.	3C	BUNDU	5,82,77,000	5,83,000	10,000.00
2.	Time of Completion	9 Months + 1 months (Trial and run)				
3.	Date of Tender Uploading on Website	16.08.2022/04.00 PM.				
4	Document Download / Sale Start Date	16.08.2022/04.00 PM.				
5	Pre Bid Meting Date	18.08.2022/12.30 PM.				
6	Bid Submission Start Date	18.08.2022/04.00 PM.				
7	Document Download / Sale End Date	26.08.2020/05.00 PM.				
8	Bid Submission End Date	26.08.2022/05.00 PM.				
9	Last date of Submission of Cost of BOQ and EMD (in Hard Copy)	27.08.2022/01.00 PM.				
10	Date of Opening of Tender	29.08.2022/11.00 AM.				
11	Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.				
12	Name & Address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.				
13	Contact No. Of Procurement Office	0651-2480155				
14	Helpline No. Of e-procurement cell	0651-2480345				

नोट :– 1. विशेष जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट – http://jharkahndtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

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PR 275095 Drinking Water and Sanitation (22-23)_D

Two sub-registrars to face trial in 2005 corruption case

Trial court had discharged them in 2017

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Two sub-registrars, accused of demanding and accepting bribe through an agent way back in 2005, will now have to face the trial as the High Court of Karnataka has set aside an order passed by the trial court, which in 2017 discharged them from the alleged offence citing lack of sanction by the government for their prosecution.

However, the High Court in its recent order has found that the trial court had jumped to a hasty conclusion that the government had in 2006 rejected the request of the Lokayukta police for sanction for their prosecution.

Justice H.B. Prabhakara Sastry passed the order while allowing an appeal filed by the Lokayukta police challenging the trial court's order.

- The Lokayukta police, acting on a complaint, had caught the agent red-handed while accepting bribe amount of ₹18,000 from the complainant in connection with registration of a sale deed.

Six-month deadline

The High Court has now directed the trial court to complete the trial within six months against Venkatesh Bhat and K.R. Renuka Prasad, both were serving as sub-registrars of Jayanagar in Bengaluru during 2005, L.V. Shadakshasri, who was then working as First Division Assistance in the sub-registrar's office, and S. Nataraj, a stamp paper vendor and an agent of the sub-registrars.

On going through the records, the High Court found that the government did not reject the request for sanction for prosecution but only ordered a departmental enquiry against the sub-registrars. However, in 2008 the government did grant the sanction for their prosecution but it contained certain typographical error. Following this, a fresh sanction order was passed in July 2010.

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HC denies bail to IAS officer in bribery case

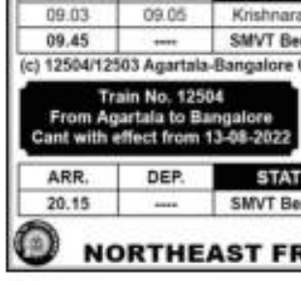
Anti-Corruption Bureau had arraigned him as accused no. 3

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday denied bail J. Manjunath, IAS officer and former Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban district, who was arrested in a bribery case.

Justice K. Nataraj passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by Mr. Manjunath seeking release on bail.

It was contended in the petition that the IAS officer was falsely implicated in the bribery case though there



was no material evidence against him in the episode of demand for ₹5 lakh made allegedly by a deputy tahsildar (Mahesh P.S., who is accused number 2) attached to the office of the DC, Bengaluru Urban district, and acceptance of bribe amount through a private person (Chetan Kumar, who is accused number 1).

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) had arraigned him as accused number 3 in the case after another Single Bench of Justice H.P. Sandesh, during the hearing of bail petition filed by Mr. Mahesh, had questioned why ACB had not arraigned Mr. Manjunath as an accused even through the statements given against him by the complainant.

CHANGE OF TERMINALS WITH REVISED TIMINGS

It has been decided to change the existing terminals of the following trains from Yesvantpur Jn./ Bangalore Cant to SMVT Bengaluru in South Western Railway as per details given below:

(a) 12552/12551 Kamakhya-Yesvantpur-Kamakhya Express

Train No. 12552 From Kamakhya to Yesvantpur with effect from10-08-2022

Train No. 12551 From Yesvantpur to Kamakhya with effect from 13-08-2022

ARR.	DEP.	STATION	ARR.	DEP.
17.15	----	SMVT Bengaluru	---	08.50

(b) 12510/12509 Guwahati-Bangalore Cant-Guwahati Express

Train No. 12510 From Guwahati to Bangalore Cant with effect from 14-08-2022

Train No. 12509 From Bangalore Cant to Guwahati with effect from 17-08-2022

ARR.	DEP.	STATION	ARR.	DEP.
09.03	09.05	Krishnarajapurm	No. Change	No. Change
09.45	----	SMVT Bengaluru	---	23.40

(c) 12504/12503 Agartala-Bangalore Cant-Agartala Hamsafar Express

Train No. 12504 From Agartala to Bangalore Cant with effect from 13-08-2022

Train No. 12503 From Bangalore Cant to Agartala with effect from 16-08-2022

ARR.	DEP.	STATION	ARR.	DEP.
20.15	----	SMVT Bengaluru	---	10.15

General Manager (Operations)
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Health Officer (Public Health)
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: C.H.O(P.H)/PR/P-90/2022-23 Dated: 03-08-2022

NOTICE

Applications are invited by the eligible candidates for appointment through Walk in Selection Process on contract basis for a period of 01 year for the following posts on Merit Cum Roster basis at **"Namma Clinic"** being established in the limits of BBMP in accordance with the approval of Government of Karnataka under 15th Finance Commission Scheme of Union Government.

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Qualification	Consolidated Pay per Month	Venue, Date and Time of Walk in Selection Process
1	Medical Officers	235	M.B.B.S Degree and K.M.C Council Registration Certificate	47,250/-	Noukarara Bhavana Sabhangana BBMP, Head Office, N.R. Square. Date: 10-08-2022 and 11-08-2022 between 10.30 AM and 4.30 PM
2	Nurse / Male Nurses	235	B.Sc / Diploma in Nursing and K.M.C Council Registration Certificate	15,750/-	
3	Laboratory Technician	235	Diploma in Laboratory Technology (B.M.L.T) and 1) Should have Registration of Karnataka Government Paramedical Council. 2) Have Computer Knowledge.	14,609/-	
4	Class four Employees	235	S.S.L.C or Equivalent	10,500/-	

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1) **Age Limit:** Should have completed minimum 18 years of age as on the last date of submission of application and should not have crossed the following age limits.
- General Category - **35 Years**
- 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B - **38 Years**
- S.C, S.T, Category-1 - **40 Years**

2) Candidates should have knowledge of Kannada Language.

Interested candidates may download the application form available at the BBMP website and attend Walk in Selection Process at he Venue and Date mentioned above along with their completed application and Original Records of relevant Qualification, one self attested Xerox Copy and 2 Photographs. For further details please contact Phone No: **080-22975516,** E-Mail ID: **choph515@gmail.com** and BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**

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Hyderabad through multiple prisms

The life and times of a 444-year-old city that is more than a bowl of biryani

SERISH NANISETTI

According to the Islamic Hijri calendar, Hyderabad turned 444 years old on July 31. How do we know this? The chronogram of its foundational monument Charminar reads Ya Hafiz, which in the Abjad numerical system yields the value of 1000. We also know the prayer the founder of the city Mohammad Quli Qutb Shah recited – he wanted the city to be filled with people the way the sea is filled with fish. Very few cities have their foundational monuments and year of foundation survive.

History among the ruins

But if you drive 10 kilometres away from the city's founding monument, the city looks like a sketchbook in the hands of a very active and undecided artist. The rocks are being erased, lakes are being filled in, old buildings are scrubbed out and the green trees are making way for glass and chrome towers. But between these skyscrapers and villas the history of the city peeps out and is ready to speak to anyone waiting to listen.

There are age-old temples and dargahs on hillocks around the city that are fragrant with lilies, agarwood, roses and stories. Then there are buildings. A palace in ruins which the Nizam Mahbub Ali Khan built so that he could catch the races in the company of his wife. The Residency building that a British Resident built while he was carrying on an intimate liaison with a noblewoman. Or the tombs, Turkish bathhouses in funerary gardens built by kings during their lifetime.

The Days of the Beloved (1974) by Harriet Ronken Lynton and Mohini Rajan captures this essence of the city thanks to the intimate access the authors had to the families of royalty and noblemen. Positing the phrase 'Facts are the enemy of truth', the authors recreate the aura and essence of the people who lived in the city during the early part of 20th century.

In the process, we get a glimpse of a vibrant city that is throbbing with modernity but hugs on to old belief systems.

Hyderabad marked 400 years in 1991, according to the Gregorian calendar, and a key role was played in the event by Narendra Luther who was a civil servant at that time. He wrote *Prince Poet Lover Builder* about Mohammad Quli, the founder of the city.

Four years later, he wrote: *Hyderabad: Memoirs of a City*. With an anecdotal style of narration, the book creates a vivid image of the city, its people and places. But without detailed footnotes the book treads on a ground which is part history part fable.

Luther's monograph on Mohammad Quli was an answer to Haroon Khan Sherwani's 1967 book with the same name: *Mohammad-Quli Qutb Shah –Founder of Hyderabad*. A historian of the old mould, Sherwani uses his authority on medieval history to place the city in a global context. He uses his formidable knowledge and access to resources to prove that Hyderabad was never called Baghnagar and that there was no woman called Bhagmati.

One of the books that is a delight to read and learn about Hyderabad and its transformation in the early 19th century is William Dalrymple's *White Mughals*. A big brawling account it gets lost in subplots before coming back to the main theme of the love between a British officer and a teenage noblewoman.

The city is evoked through its graceful presence, its spiritual environment, its cycle of life, and the ebb and flow of royal powerplay.

End of an era

An ear to the ground account of the social life in Hyderabad is given by Karen Leonard in her *Kayasths of Hyderabad*. While this book unearthed little-known facts about the scribal community of Hyderabad that became powerful, Leonard's *Locating Home* is a riveting and poignant account of Hyderabadis who are scattered across the world.

Hyderabad has had a traumatic history when the ruling Qutb Shahis were unseated by Aurangzeb in 1687. Its palaces were razed for treasure, its royal house of mourning was turned into a bandikhana (parking space for horse drawn carriages) and the city was abandoned as a capital for nearly 80 years.

Another socially seismic event was the merger with India in 1948. The literature on this period is still coming out. *Hyderabad After the Fall*, edited by Omar Khalidi, shows the event from different viewpoints. It also has the earliest version of the Sunderlal Committee report that chronicled the killings in the region in the aftermath of Operation Polo. But it is the personal accounts that have dominated the space. *Hyderabad of The Seven Loaves* is an autobiographical sketch by Maj Gen Syed Ahmed El Edroos who led the Hyderabad forces that surrendered in September 1948. It is a vivid and honest account of the war by an officer who served in the British Expeditionary Force as well as in the Nizam's Army. The Nizam's last Prime Minister Mir Laik Ali's *Tragedy of Hyderabad* would need a separate genre for its classification. A.G. Noorani's *The Destruction of Hyderabad* is strictly not about the city but the inner workings of the newly formed Indian government in Delhi, M.A. Jinnah's role and the Nizam who was caught in circumstances he could barely fathom.

A city's history and historiography is a drama where all the acts and scenes take place simultaneously. It depends on which part we get to see. These books do that job superbly.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

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"Sir, is it 'a one-way traffic' or 'an one-way traffic'?"

"It is 'a one-way traffic'. I understand your question. We say 'He is an old man', 'He is an odd fellow'. But why not 'an one-way traffic'? It is because 'one' is pronounced with a W at the beginning. It's pronounced in the same way as "won'. In 'once' 'one 'oneness', you have a 'w' at the beginning. But 'only' doesn't have it. 'An only son', 'an only daughter'. There was no 'w' sound in the word 'one' till the fifteenth century. As we have it now, we can't say 'an one-way traffic'. Sometimes in words there may be a silent consonant. For example, in 'hour' the 'h' is not pronounced. So you say 'an hour' and not 'a hour'. Some people pronounce the 'h' in 'hotel' and some don't. So some say 'a hotel' and others 'an hotel'. Both are acceptable."

"What is the meaning of 'I will not darken your door again', sir?"

"'To darken a person's door' means 'to visit him/her. It is always used in the negative.

Get away and don't darken my door.

I have been asked not to darken his door."

"Who is a pretender, sir?"

"It means 'one who pretends'. It also has a special meaning. It is only in the special sense that the word is often used. A pretender is one whose claim to a throne, title and similar things is disputed.

The son and grandson of James II were pretenders to the throne of England. The son was called the Old Pretender and the grandson was called the Young Pretender."

"What is the meaning of 'hammer and tongs' sir?"

"'Tongs' is a tool with two arms used for lifting and holding things. 'Ice tongs' 'sugar tongs' and so on. It is always 'tongs' and never 'tong'. You can also say 'a pair of tongs'. You use 'pair' with words for an object 'with two parts always joined'. A pair of scissors, a pair of trousers, a pair of spectacles. To go at something hammer and tongs' means 'to fight, argue, with great energy and noise'. A blacksmith uses his tongs to lift and hold the hot iron. He strikes the hot iron with energy and force to hammer it into shape. When you go at something hammer and tongs, you exert yourself with all your might to achieve your goal. If he makes up his mind to get something, he will go hammer and tongs at it."

"Is it '*si*multaneous' or '*sai*multaneous', sir?"

"The i in the word simultaneous is pronounced by the British like the i in 'pin' and 'tin'. Americans pronounce it like the 'i' in 'fine and 'mine'. So you choose what you like. Both are correct. It's getting late for you. Have a nice weekend. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

The multi-talented Kishore Kumar was born on August 4, 1929. A quiz on the maverick genius who regaled audiences with his singing and comic acting

1 Kishore Kumar was his stage name. What was his christened name and the name he took when he married Madhubala?

2 According to Gulzar, Kishore Kumar was to play which famous role in a hit Hrishikesh Mukherjee film?

3 Name the evergreen song from 'Half Ticket' where he alternated between male and female voices.

4 Kishore Kumar holds the record for the most number of Filmfare Awards for Best Male Playback Singer (Hindi) with eight statuettes. Between 1981 and 1986, he missed out only in 1982 even though he had two songs nominated. Who beat him to it?

5 Why were his songs banned on AIR and Doordarshan from 1976 till the end of the Emergency?

6 The last song that Kishore Kumar recorded was for his maternal nephew, a reputed music director of his time. Who?

7 Which song originally sung by his brother Ashok Kumar did Kishore use in 'Jhumroo' for which he also composed the music?

◄ This is Jimmie Rodgers, often called the 'Father of Country Music'. What is his biggest contribution to the Kishore Kumar legend? • WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

Compiled by: V.V. Ramanan

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Known as Operation Cast Lead, this was a three-week armed conflict between these two forces that began in 2008. **Ans: The Gaza Massacre; Israel and Palestine**

2. The UAE deployed more than a hundred troops in 2018 in this oceanic strait off the tip of the Horn of Africa. **Ans: Guardafui Channel**

3. The operation in which the U.S. and a coalition of six Caribbean nations invaded Grenada. **Ans: Operation Urgent Fury; The day of the invasion is known as Thanksgiving Day in Grenada**

4. The Biafra ethnic group and the Nigerian Muslim race involved in the Nigerian Civil War. **Ans: Igbo, Hausa-Fulanis**

5. The Bay of Pigs Invasion was launched by Cuban exiles. These exiles were known for opposing this armed revolt in Cuba. **Ans: The Cuban Revolution led by Fidel Castro**

6. The Indian Armed Forces invaded this princely state and annexed it into the Indian Union through Operation Polo. **Ans: Hyderabad**

7. A war between Argentina and the U.K erupted over these British-dependent territories in the South Atlantic. **Ans: The Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands**

Visual: Following this incident, a protracted armed conflict from 2003 to 2011 happened between these two countries. **Ans: 9/11 Attack, The U.S. and Iraq**

Early Birds: Mahmood Lebbai| Atish Kumar Dash| Rupali Chaudhari

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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

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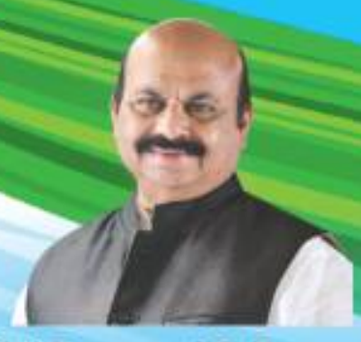
- Narendra Modi



Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Karnataka – At the forefront of the implementation of Amrit Mahotsav Programmes

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people. To celebrate this milestone, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced several Amritha Programmes on August 15, 2021. Currently, these programmes are successfully implemented in the state.

Progress of various Amritha programmes announced

- **Amritha School Infrastructure:** **Rs. 74.68 crore** released @ **Rs. 10 lakh** per school for providing infrastructure. Works are in progress.
- **Upgrading of Health Infrastructure:** Expansion of the infrastructure of **750** primary health centres. **Rs. 150 crore** allocated **@ Rs. 20 lakh** per PHC. 548 works completed till date. 196 works are in progress.
- **Amritha Skill Development Training:** Goal to provide skill training to **75,000 youth** belonging to SC/ST, Backward and Minority communities in 2 years at a cost of **Rs. 112 crore**. **60,645 youth** trained till date. **12.24 lakh candidates** have registered.
- **Amritha Farmer Producers Organizations:** To establish **750 Farmer Producers Organizations** to encourage the production and marketing of the produce of farmers, weavers and fishermen. **Rs. 225 crore** grant allocated **@ Rs. 30 lakh** per FPO for three years. **324 FPOs** established.
- **Amritha Nirmala Nagara Scheme:** A financial support of **Rs. 75 crore** to 75 chosen local bodies @ Rs. 1 crore per local body
- **SC/ST, Minorities:** **Rs. 9.19 crore** grant provided as the first installment of 50% to 108 startups of women entrepreneurs established outside Bengaluru.
- **Amritha Sports Adoption Programme:** **Rs. 10 lakh** training incentive per sportsperson for a total of 75 sportspersons who would be participating in Paris Olympics.

- **Chief Minister's Amritha Nagarothana Project:** **Rs. 6,000 crore** grant for Bengaluru infrastructure development
- **Chief Minister's Amritha Nagarothana Scheme (Municipalities):** **Rs. 3,885 crore** grant for the integrated development of small and medium towns
- **Chief Minster's Grama Panchayat Scheme:** Infrastructure development in 750 selected Gram Panchayats. Of the **9,000 works**, **6,499 works** have been completed. 1,774 works are in progress.
- **Amritha Rural Housing Scheme:** 750 GPs have been identified to provide housing to the homeless in their jurisdictions. The selection of beneficiaries is in progress.
- **Amritha SHGs Small Enterprises Scheme:** **Rs. 75 crore** seed capital for 7500 women SHGs **@ Rs. 1 lakh** per SHG. Seed capital has been distributed to **4,362 SHGs** till date.
- **Amritha Community Development Scheme:** Students of **750 schools-colleges** encouraged to involve in constructive community services. More than **331 toilets** constructed in the adopted villages and more than **60,000 saplings** planted.

Har Ghar Tiranga
13-15 August 2022

- **'Har Ghar Tiranga'** is a campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the **75th year of India's independence** between **August 13 to August 15**.
- The state government is supporting the initiative to hoist **one crore flags** in the state.

Come, show your patriotism by participating in this movement.

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

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Let us extend them a befitting welcome.

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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal only)

BESCOM invites tender against enquiry No: BESCOM/BCP-1432/2022-23/HIREHALLI for **"Remodelling of distribution network in Hirehalli Industrial area, Kyatsandra sub-Division, Tumakuru Division, Chitradurga Zone for a period of 12 months on Total/Partial Turnkey on Percentage quoting Basis".**

The Bid documents available: **05.08.2022** onwards. Last date for Bid Submission: **19.08.2022, 16.00 Hrs**. Opening of Bid Document: **20.08.2022, 16.15 Hrs.**

The tenders can be obtained through e-Procurement portal website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for more details contact e-procurement helpdesk: +91 80 46010000, +91 8068948777 or e-mail: **support@eprochelpdesk.com**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that Sri. Gurudath Pai is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property i.e., Sy.No.58/3 measuring 0-13 guntas, assessed at Rs.0-62 and situated at Balagere Village, Sugutur Hobli, Kolar Taluk and District from its owner's Sri. M Srirama and his children M.S.Rekha, M.S.Roopa, M.S.Deepa, M.S. Sarala and M.S. Girish Babu and the said property is amalgamated as principal Sy.No.58/3.

Therefore, if any person/s is having any right, title, interest, claim or demand in respect of the schedule property or part thereof by way of sale, agreement of sale, exchange gift, mortgage, charge trust, inheritance, possessing, lease lien notice is given to all concerns that had entered into agreement of sale with the aforesaid land owners by paying advance consideration on several dates. If there are any documentary proof sustain their objections, claims, details if disputes within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client Sri. Gurudath Pai will proceed to complete the sale transactions with the aforesaid land owners as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the aforesaid property and thereafter no claim/objections/disputes will be entertained.

Schedule

Land bearing Sy.No.58/3 measuring 0-13 guntas, assessed at Rs.062 Situated at Balagere Village, Sugutur Hobli, Kolar Taluk and District and bounded on: **East by:** Land of Gopala Sy.No.58/1, **West by:** Road leads Chintamani-Kolar, **North by:** Land of Sathhish Sy. No.58/2, **South by:** Land Sy.No.57.

Sri. Manjunatha, Advocate
Opp.Church, N.R. Extension, Chintamani - 563 125. **Mobile: 9164849083, Gurudath Pai - 9845212221, Vijayalakshmi - 9845980593**

CITY CORPORATION VIJAYAPURA

No:CCV/PWD/EE/DM/TND/E-proc-/2022-23/1773 Dated: 03.08.2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, City Corporation Vijayapur invites tenders from eligible tenders registered in PWD/CPWD for the **06 Package works under MGNVY Performance Grant** Tenders are called in standard tender document through E-Procurement portal. For further details visit online web site **https:/www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in.**

Last date for Tender submission: 18-08-2022

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Vijayapur/335/MCA/2022-23 **City Corporation, Vijayapura**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12717 Dated: 01.08.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited from reputed contractors/ agencies through e-portal for the work **Complete Repair/Re-winding (VPI) of Crompton Geaves make 1325KW, 12 pole, 495rpm, 6.6KV, circulating Water Pump-5B HT Motor of Unit#5.** EMD: **Rs. 65,380/-** Last date for submission of bid (both Cover 1 & 2): **16.08.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from **Superintending Engineer (EM-2)** RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar - 584 170, Raichur Dist, Mobile: 94495 96528, 94495 96534. E-mail: seem2rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in ; seem2rtps@gmail.com ; eeht2rtps@gmail.com Website: https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in

Government of Karnataka

PUBLIC WORKS, PORTS AND INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1:Tender-43:2022-23: Dated: 02.08.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work: Two cover System: Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-16-154 SH Bridge: 1) Construction of Bridge at Ch.308.00 Km in Arbhavi-Challakere Road (SH-45) in Challakere Taluk. (WI.154317). Estimate Coast: 150.00 Lakhs. **Head of Account 5054-03-101-0-02-132 MDR Bridge:** 2) Construction of bridge at Km 16.95 of Doddery - Obenahalli Road (MDR) in Challakere Taluk (WI.154294). Estimate Coast: 120.00 Lakhs.

Tenders dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: 18.08.2022 Time: 17.30. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders: 19.08.2022 Time: 16.00. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: 20.08.2022 Time: 16.01. Date & time for opening of Financial Bid: 22.08.2022 Time: 11.00.

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

RO No. 426: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public at large hereby informed that my client Sri. Rohith S/o of Sri. Anjanappa age: 36 years, R/at J.P.Nagar, 6th Phase, 16th Main Road, Mahaveer Residency, Roase Garden Road, Flat No.505 Bengaluru 560078. Had been Purchased from absolute owner of the Suit Schedule Property registered as document bearing No. 1919/1973-74, Book No-1, volume No-1007 Pages from 34 to 44, owned by Patelkrishnam Raju, after his sad demise, his son Sri. Murugendra aged 52 yrs, made GPA to Smt. Usha W/o Sri V.Anjanappa. And absolute sale deed registered as document bearing No.KEN:1-04861-2006-07, CDNo-KNED287, Book -1 Dated 10.05.2006 at Sub-Register Office, Kengeri. Schedule property :Bengaluru South, Uttarahalli Hobli,Bommanahalli Municipality Sarakki village, Khata No.1 property No.144 , East: Others Property, West: Site No.143, North: Road, South: Sarakki Tank, between this East-West:30.0Ft, North-South: 19+59/2 Ft empty Site built by 3 sq.ft ACC Sheet Roof with Jungle wood doors & Windows brick with mud wall and mud floor having all necessary facilities. the original documents were lost in transit and pertaining to the same a police complaint had been lodged in Bengaluru City Police Station, Bengaluru on 27.07.2022 The public/ Third parties if found these documents, requested to return the same to the nearest police station or to the undersigned, the founders will be suitably rewarded, it is informed that any person acting on the original documents without bringing to the knowledge of the owner, would be criminally liable for which our client will not indemnify such acts of the person acting on the original documents.

Date: 03.08.2022 Sd/-
Place: Bangalore Manjunatha T.C,
AdvocateNo. 11, 3-5, 2nd Floor, Place Loop Road, Bengaluru. Mob.No. 9980749057

Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, PRAMC,
4th Floor, PWD Annexe Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560001

No.PWD/40/PRAMC/2022-23/435 Date: 03-08-2022

Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD on behalf of Governor of Karnataka, invites Short Term Tenders for 02 Tank bund Safety Works 01 Each in Chickkaballapura and Ramanagara Districts and 02 Road Safety works 01 Each in Dharwad & Chickkaballapura Districts and 03 in Hassan District. Further details can be obtained from Karnataka e-procurement portal **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from **04-08-2022, 05:30 PM** onwards.

DIPR/CP/1644/Sreshta/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRAMC**

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE(W&M)/HSN/EE(O)/DCA/AEE-1/2022-23/2207-11 Date: 02.08.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH-E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids from the eligible bidders for the following works on **Partial Turnkey Basis**:

(1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2022-23/12 for providing manpower services for carrying out Shift Operations and minor maintenance works at 66/11kV sub-stations Belavadi, Ganguru(Kallikoppalu), Kundurumatta & Nuggehally(M.Dasapura) in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Holenarasipura in Hassan District, Karnataka State.

(2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2022-23/14 for Replacement of age old troublesome 66kV SF6 gas operated EHV circuit breakers by good one at 220/66/11kV receiving station, Kadavinakote & 66/11kV sub-station Udayapura in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Holenarasipura in Hassan District, Karnataka State. (**Work Indent No.:** KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9568) **(Combined Package)**

(3) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2022-23/15 for providing new 2.9MVAr capacitor bank on 11 side of existing 12.5 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer-1 at 220/66/11kV Receiving Station, Yachenahally in Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District, Karnataka State.(**Work Indent No.:** KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9569)

(4) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE(W&M)/HSN/2022-23/16 for providing one number of new 11kV PCVCB/MCVCB for bifurcation of load of overloaded 11kV feeders at 66/11kV sub-station Hadavanahally Sathenahally Didaga and Baguru in Holenarasipura and Channarayapatna Taluk in Hassan District. (**Work Indent No.:** KPTCL/2022-23/TB/WORK_INDENT9574)**(Combined Package)**

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl" or https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or before 3.00 PM on 08.08.2022.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-Superintending Engineer (Elec.,) Tr.(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan-573 201. Ph: 08172-250765.

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Division,
Bangalore

No.: KST/EE/JE/269/2022-23 Date: 01.08.2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION 03/2022-23

In Two Cover System item rate tenders are invited from eligible Contractors / Firms by the Executive Engineer, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, Civil Engineering Division, Bangalore for the work detailed below:

Tender Notification No.	Name of the work	Amount put to Tender (in Rs. Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit in Rs.	Time Limit (Including Monsoon)
03/22-23	Providing HT Power supply of about 3000KVA for Electrical Vehicle Charging Station in KSRTC Kempegowda Bus Station at Bangalore.	228.51	3,43,000/-	03 Months

For further information about E-Tendering please visit **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer
DIPR/CP/LC/1648/2022-23 **KSRTC, CE Division, Bangalore**

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Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL MODE ONLY)

No. KPTCL/T(W&M)MYS/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/22-23/2628 Date: 02.08.2022

KPTCL invites bids on TTK Basis for the following works.

1. Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/22-23/Shift-4** for Shifting/modification to strengthen the existing line tower location No. 90SC to tower location No. 93SC of 66KV Sattegala-Kollegala S/C line crossing over Sri Mahadeshwara Government First Grade College Premises (on open space) in between Loc. No. 92B (DIB), 93SC and 94A(SIB) at Kollegala City limits, Kollegala Taluk, Chamarajanagara District.

2. Bid Enquiry No.: **SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/T(W&M)/MYS/22-23/Shift-5** for Replacing single tension & suspension insulators strings by double tension & suspension disc insulator strings in 66 Tubinakere-Mandya MC line passing over the Mandy University border of the premises at Mandya Town limits in the jurisdiction of TLM section Mandya.

The Bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiries in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **05.08.2022.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, El., Transmission(W&M)Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavan, N.R.Mohalla, Mysuru - 570 007.

MYSURU CITY CORPORATION
Office of Executive Engineer, WS&UGD(East) Division, VVWW Premises, Mysuru.

TN NO.: MCC/EE/WS&UGD(East)/TN-02/462/2022-23 Date: 02-08-2022

Tender Notification
Through Karnataka E-Procurement Portal Only

Tenders are Invited through E-Procurement Portal for the works under different grants like Corporation Fund / SFC / 15th FC / 24.10% & 7.25% grants as required from Executive Engineers of the Corporation. Details are as follows

Sl. No.	Description	Total Works	Tender Amount (INR)	Date of publishing on e-procurement portal	Last Date for submission of bids	Tender/Technical bid opening Date
				Evening 5.30 onwards		
1	Executive Engineer, WS&UGD(East)	25	363.05	06.08.2022	22.08.2022	23.08.2022
		4	60.00	04.08.2022	11.08.2022	12.08.2022
		1	225.00	04.08.2022	11.08.2022	12.08.2022
2	Executive Engineer, WS&UGD(West)	13	377.01	06.08.2022	22.08.2022	23.08.2022
3	Executive Engineer, Electrical	2	998.00	03.08.2022	10.08.2022	11.08.2022
		5	136.82	06.08.2022	22.08.2022	23.08.2022
	Expression of Interest					
1	Executive Engineer, WS&UGD(East)	1	-	06.08.2022	22.08.2022	23.08.2022

Note: Any further changes/notifications will be published only through e-procurement portal only and will not relase any paper notification

Sd/- Executive Engineer, WS&UGD(East)
Mysuru City Corporation, Mysuru

Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga

No: ಶಿಮನಪಾ:ಆರೋ:ಟೆಂಡರ್:36/2022-23 Date: :30.07.2022

Short-term Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 1999-2000 and Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document procedure to provide the following services in Shivamogga City Corporation limits. The bidders who are interested in participating through e-procurement tender can obtain the details in website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

(1) Last date to apply for tender forms through e-procurement: **On 16.08.2022 @ 5.30 P M.** (2) Date of opening of Tender through e-procurement: **As per e-portal.** (3) More details can be obtained from e-portal and other details from this office during office hours. (4) Covers : **Two-cover**

Sl. No.	Details	Approx. amount (Rs in lakhs)	EMD Amount	Grants
1	Supply of morning breakfast with one egg to Pourakarmikas and cleaning employees (Drivers, Loaders, Driver cum operators and Helpers) daily working in Shivamogga City Corpration for a period of 12 months	102.20 lakhs	1,53,300.00	SFC 24.10 percent and 7.25 percent fund
2	Providing the services of outsource SWM Vehicles Loaders (65 Nos) to Shivamogga Mahanagara Palike. IND No : SCC/HEALTH/65LOADERS/2022-23	158.80 lakhs	2,38,200.00	General Fund of Corporation for the year 2022-23.
3	Providing the services of outsource SWM Vehicles Loaders (74 Nos) to Shivamogga Mahanagara Palike. IND No : SCC/HEALTH/74LOADERS/2022-23	180.80 lakhs	2,71,200.00	General Fund of Corporation for the year 2022-23.
4	Providing the services of outsource SWM Drivers cum Operators (Front end Loader with back hoe/Compactor) (16 Nos) and SWM Vehicle cleaners/Helpers (21 Nos) to Shivamogga Mahanagara Palike. IND No : SCC/HEALTH/JCB OPERATOR/2022-23	78.00 lakhs	1,56,000.00	General Fund of Corporation for the year 2022-23.

Any changes/corrigendum will be published in e-procurement only.

Sd/- Asst. Executive Engineer (Environment)
DIPR/SMG/No.02-08/zenkar/2022-23 **Shivamogga City Corporation, Shivamogga**

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. No. 25271/2022

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Registered Office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 And its branch office at Mythri Center, #4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 **...Plaintiff**
AND
Daurani M. A. **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Daurani M. A
Aged about 26 years,
D/o. Arivazhagan, R/a: #809, Sri Balaji PG,17th Floor, 1st Main, 6th Block, Koramangala Bangalore- 560095

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs. 8,02,204.26/-** (as on 27/10/2021) along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the 73rd Addl. City Civil & Session Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-74] person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the 08-09-2022 at 11AM take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 28th day of July 2022

Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court,
Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co. Advocates,
No.109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore- 560052

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM ARBITRATION REQUEST No.23 OF 2020

APPLICANTS: 1. Abdul Manaf.S/o Abdul Kharim, Residing at Madathil House, Elagamon.P.o, Ayiroor, Varkala, Thiruvananthapuram District.
2. Mrs. Nima A.R, W/o Abdul Manaf Residing at Madathil House, Elagamon.P.o, Ayiroor, Varkala, Thiruvananthapuram District (Represented by Power of Attorney Holder Rameesa Beegum Residing at Madathil House, Elagamon.P.o, Ayiroor, Varkala, Thiruvananthapuram District)

vs.

OPPOSITE PARTIES 1,2 AND 4 TO 12:
1) Kristal Infrastructure Limitted, No.1 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076,Having its Branch office at T.C.No.3/1791-6, 2nd Floor, Leela Towers, Pattom, Pattom Village Thiruvananthapuram Taluk,Thiruvananthapuram District, Represented by its Director Mrs. Latha.K.Namboodiri,
2) Mr.K.K. Namboodiri, Chairman, Kristal infrastructure Limited, No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
3) Mr.Govind M.S, CEO & Joint Managing Director, Kristal infrastructure Limited, No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
4) Ms. Chithra.K.Namboodiri, Group Director, Kristal infrastructure Limited, No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
5) Mr. Sivadasan.K, Director, Buss Development, Kristal infrastructure Limited, No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
6)Mr.Manoj Sreenivasan.N, Group Director, Kristal infrastructure Limited No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
7) Mr.Bijoy.D.R, Director -Technical, Kristal infrastructure Limited, No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
8) Mr. Unnikrishnan Potty, Project Director, Kristal infrastructure Limited, No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
9) Mr.Girish.R, Project Director, Kristal infrastructure Limited, No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
10)Mr.Sreekumar R.Nair, Project Director, Kristal infrastructure Limited, No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076
11) Mr Shaijan Mathew, Project Director, Kristal infrastructure Limited, No.1, 4th Cross 29th Main, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076

NOTICE

Take notice that the petitioners herein has filed the Arbitration Request before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala to Appoint an independent and impartial Arbitrator to adjudicate the disputes and differences between applicants and the opposite parties to in terms of Annexure-1 agreement, The people above mentioned are opposite parties 1,2 and 4 to 12 and the case is posted for hearing on **12/8/22** and they are at liberty to appear and oppose the same either in person or through Advocate and if you are not appearing; the court will be constrained to decide the case in your absence.

Dated this the 19th day of July 2022
Counsel for the Applicants
B.KRISHNA MANI, ADVOCATE

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Shravan** S/o Harikrishnan Janardhanan , R/o: A 102 Saket Callipolis Sarjapur Road, Doddekannelli, Bengaluru-560035, changed my name to Shravan Harikrishnan for all purposes.

I, **Bala** Pillai Alias V N Balasubramaniam alias Nirmala Balasubramaniam Vadivelpillai S/o E Vadivel Pillai, R/o: 29, Vintage Residency Mancharahalli Road Attibele Industrial Area Attibele, Bengaluru-562107, changed my name from to Bala Pillai for all purposes.

I **Narmathadevi** W/O, Kothandakumar S R/o No. 348, Kuvempu Nagar 2nd Cross, Vijinapura, Bengaluru -560016 have changed my name to Narmadha Devi Poosawami for all purposes vide affidavit dated 29.07.2022 before Srinatha. D.R Notary Govt. of India

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
O.S. NO. 26474/2019

BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001, Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
AND
Mr. YUVARAJ S/o Kunnappa Poojary, Aged about 36 years, No. 317/4, Challagata Grama, Kumbhalagudu Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore - 560 060 ...Defendant

UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 3,27,675.76/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Five and Paisa Seventy Six Only)**, apart from future interest of **18% p.a.**, in **O.S. No. 26474/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-21**, Before IV Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **23th** Day of **August, 2022** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **13th** Day of **July, 2022.**

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall
BENGALURU- 560001

FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560005.

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Sd/-
MANAGER

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 21)
O.S. NO. 25828/2021

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore 560001 Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ....Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Hementh Krishna Bhemineni ...Defendant

Summons To Defendant

Mr. Hementh Krishna Bhemineni, S/o. Mr. Mukundam Naidu Bhemineni, Aged About 34 Years, #001, Sanjay Shine Apartment, 09, Munireddy Layout, Panthuru Main Road, Kadubisanahalli, Bangalore- 560 103.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.7,07,772.56/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Two and Paise Fifty Six Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No.25828/2021** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 20,** Before Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 30th Day of August 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 26th day of July 2022

Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001

FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New NO.9, OLD NO. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25037/2019

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore 560001, Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G
AND :
Mr. Peeyush Khare

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. Peeyush Khare,
S/o Mr. Peetamber Khare, Aged about 36 years, No.104, 1st Floor, 26th Cross, Sarapalya, Tuwa Layout, Bangalore- 560 045.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 7,35,404.51/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Four and Paise Fifty One Only)**, apart from future interest of **18% p.a.**, in **O.S. No. 25037/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before Addl. City Civil Court Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **27th** Day of **September, 2022** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **29th** Day of **July, 2022.**

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall
BENGALURU- 560001

FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560005.

IN THE COURT OF ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 20)
O.S. NO. 25386/2019

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001 Represented by its Manager and power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ....Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Gadegeppa V Chakrasali ...Defendant

Summons To Defendant

Mr. Gadegeppa V Chakrasali S/o. Mr. Veerappa, Aged About 48 Years, No. 323, 6th Cross, 3rd Main, Nr. Vishwarayam Park, Dasappa Garden, HMT Layout, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560 032.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.3,47,678.05/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight and Paise Five Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No.25386/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 20,** Before Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 22nd Day of August 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 22nd day of July 2022

Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001

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Heavy rainfall floods city again

India Meteorological Department issues yellow alert over next two days

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Heavy rains lashing the city over the last two days has again exposed the chinks in the civic infrastructure and lack of preparedness on part of the civic body, as familiar scenes of residential pockets facing flood-like situation repeated on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The India Meteorological Department(IMD) has issued yellow alert to Bengaluru over the next two days, raising fears of more travails for its residents.

After Tuesday's rain, at Sai Layout in Horamavu near K.R. Puram – a pocket that has flooded during every spell of rain since May this year – water entered a few homes as drains overflowed. "We have been facing floods from the last five years and the BBMP is not ready to solve rain-related problems in the area. Many owners of the houses here have shifted to various other areas after repeated flooding. No tenants want to come here because of repeated flooding," Dayanand, a resident of the layout, said.

"IMD has forecast rains for the city till August 5. We are geared to tackle any eventualities. Due to Tuesday's rain, water entered various houses in Pai Layout, Sai Layout and Naggapa Reddy Layout in K.R. Puram where we are taking all necessary actions to avoid such a situation in future," Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP Chief Commissioner, said.

An electricity pole that fell following heavy rainfall; and (below) a tree that uprooted and fell on an autorickshaw in Chamarajpet on Wednesday. •K. MURALI KUMAR

A senior official from BBMP said that the civic body has done a study and found out that a railway bridge being constructed across the stormwater drain is a cause for the flooding in this area and the BBMP, along with proper coordination with Railways, will take up the work to avoid flooding.

Meanwhile, an autorickshaw parked in Chamarajpet was damaged after a huge tree fell on it following heavy rains on Tuesday. According to the police, there were no casualties.

Roads near Manyata Tech Park was flooded on Tuesday night causing inconvenience to motorists and the traffic was hit on the stretch. Sharath, a commuter from Hebbal, said: "Roads near Manyata Tech Park always cause traffic snarls during rainy days. The authorities don't even bother to take appropriate measures to overcome these issues."

The control room of the BBMP has received several complaints regarding rain damage on Tuesday and Wednesday. A BBMP official from the control room said, "Trees were uprooted in R.T. Nagar, Kasturaba Road, R.V. Road, Rajajinagar and Jayanagar. No casualties were reported."

"We have received complaints from K.R. Puram, Bommanahalli, Sai Layout, HBR Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Sahakar Nagar, Thanisandra, R.R. Nagar, Maruthi Nagar and Hebbal, where water entered a few homes as drains overflowed," officials added.

Rain caused traffic jam in many parts, especially in the Central Business District (CBD) and key arterial roads. According to Bengaluru Traffic Police, traffic snarls were reported in Outer ring Road, Manyata tech park, Hebbal, Yelahanka, Airport road, Tumakuru Road, Mysuru Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bannerghatta Road, Hosur Road, Bellandur, HSR Layout, and Kanakapura Road.

Plaint against impersonator who appeared on RGUHS' behalf in HC

Scam came to light when varsity found it was losing cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The sensational case of malpractices in the postgraduate medical entrance examination at Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), Ballari, which rocked the State in 2011 has taken a new twist with Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) officials now alleging that a lawyer appeared on their behalf without any authorisation and derailed cases to help the accused.

The accused, identified as Shivakumar S. Badwadagu, has reportedly been appearing in cases related to the 2011 malpractices at the High Court of Karnataka, Dharwad Bench, claiming to represent RGUHS without any authorisation. RGUHS has alleged that he also got into an unholy nexus with the accused and manipulated the evidence to get judgments in their favour.

> **The lawyer has been successful in getting all 11 cases disposed off in favour of the accused in the cases.**
> M.R. RAVIKUMAR
> Registrar (Administration), RGUHS

The scam came to light when the RGUHS recently reviewed the cases and found it was losing many of them.

It then came to light that Shivakumar was responsible and that he was representing the university, without getting approval from the legal department or the official concerned.

"The lawyer has been successful in getting all 11 cases disposed off in favour of the accused in the cases," said M.R. Ravikumar, Registrar (Administration), RGUHS, who has now lodged a complaint with the Tilak Nagar police.

Based on the complaint, the police on Friday registered a case against Shivakumar for cheating, causing disappearance of evidence and impersonation. However, the police said they will transfer the case to the apt jurisdictional police in Dharwad for the probe.

In January 2011, when some candidates had complained to the Registrar, RGUHS, about alleged malpractices in conduct of the exam after results showed the 11 top ranks were bagged by those who had appeared at VIMS centre, the probe was handed over to the CID.

Flooding: Traffic on Bengaluru-Mysuru highway diverted

Breach in Boodanur lake after heavy rain leads to inundation of the road

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

A stretch of Mysuru-Bengaluru highway near Mandya continued to remain out of bounds for traffic for the second day on Wednesday after it was inundated following the breach of nearby Boodanur lake.

The lake waters have flooded the stretch of the highway that is being converted into an six-lane expressway. The lake in Mandya taluk reportedly breached on Monday night following heavy rain.

The traffic has been diverted at Mandya and Maddur for the vehicles moving towards Bengaluru and Mysuru, respectively, as a precautionary measure until water recedes on the highway. Traffic towards Maddur has been diverted from Mandya via Bharathingar.

Mysuru KSRTC Divisional Controller Ashok Kumar told *The Hindu* that buses were plying till Mandya on the main highway and then diverted to K.M. Doddi to reach Maddur.

However, by afternoon, Bengaluru-bound buses from Mysuru started plying through Malavalli and reached Maddur to move further to Bengaluru on the highway.

Train services on the Bengaluru-Mysuru section were affected as incessant rainfall in Mandya resulted in water overflowing above the danger mark at a bridge between Maddur and Hanakere railway stations, according to a release.

As a result, MEMU trains running in both the directions between Mysuru and Bengaluru were cancelled on Wednesday.

119 children missing from State-run CCIs yet to be traced, govt. tells HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The investigation of 66 missing complaints of the 119 children missing from the government-run Child Care Institutions (CCIs) has been now handed over to the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit and the remaining complaints are being probed by the jurisdictional police, the State government told the High Court of Karnataka.

A status report on children missing from the CCIs was submitted before a Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty on Tuesday during the hearing of a PIL petition filed by K.C. Rajanna, an agriculturist from Kolar.

The government clarified that 484 children went missing from various CCIs across the State between 2015-16 and 2021, and of these 352 children were traced.

- Details of the 119 untraced children have been uploaded in the national tracking system for missing and vulnerable children

Of the 365 traced children, 351 were found staying with their parents, 12 were found in other CCIs and two children had died due to HIV and TB as of February 2022, it has been clarified in the status report.

It has been pointed out that the details of the 119 untraced children are uploaded in the national tracking system for missing and vulnerable children besides being disseminated among other authorities for tracking of these children.

Govt. publishes ward-wise reservation list

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A week after the Supreme Court directed the Karnataka government to publish a ward-wise reservation list to facilitate the State Election Commission for initiating the constitution of local bodies within a reasonable time frame, the State government published late on Wednesday a ward-wise reservation list. On July 28, the court had directed the government to publish the ward-wise reservation list for the 243 wards to hold the much delayed civic polls.

The break-up is follows: General: 65, General (Women): 65, Backward Classes A: 34, Backward Classes B: 8, Backward Classes A (Women) 31, Backward Classes B (Women): 8, SC: 14, SC: (Woman): 14, ST: 2, ST: (Women): 2.

IN BRIEF

Concert on Saturday
BENGALURU
Shree Sharada Samskrutika Sangha, jointly with K.P. Bhatta Academy of Music, will present a voco-mridangam concert by Kalluri Srinivas on August 6. The event will be held between 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. at SBI Officers Club Basaveshwar Nagar.

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State under BJP witnessing divisiveness coupled with corruption: Rahul Gandhi

75th birthday event of Siddaramaiah at Davangere a show of strength of the leader, with lakhs taking part

GIRISH PATTANASHETTI
DAVANGERE

The whole of Karnataka is witness to the divisive politics of the BJP, coupled with unprecedented levels of corruption, former AICC President Rahul Gandhi said, addressing a mammoth crowd at the Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah's 75th birthday celebration in Davangere on Wednesday.

"For the Congress, language, history, and culture of every State is important, because this is what makes India. However, the BJP wants to impose only one idea on the State. They want to colonise the State," he said. Mr. Gandhi said that Karnataka lived in harmony during the Congress rule and nobody was "scared" as they are now. "Harmony and peace are essential for development," he said.

All eyes on the venue: KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar hugging Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, while former AICC president Rahul Gandhi looks on during the former Chief Minister's 75th birthday celebrations at Davangere on Wednesday; (right & below) supporters arriving for the event. •KPN & PTI

Basavanna's principles

He promised that after coming to power, the Congress would give a clean and honest government. It would work for everyone and not spread hate. He also promised that the party would always follow Basavanna's principles.

Emphasising that the Congress in Karnataka stands united in the fight against BJP's "misrule", Mr. Gandhi said that while the Congress distributed the country's wealth to the poor, the BJP snatched people's wealth to give it to a few capitalists.

"They bow before Basavanna's statue but steal from people's pockets. Basavanna said be honest and say what you believe. But the opposite is being done by the BJP," he said.

Showering praises on Mr. Siddaramaiah, Mr. Gandhi credited him with giving a new direction and vision to the State as the Chief Minister. Mr. Gandhi who began his speech by offering condolences to the flood victims, said that he usually does not go to birthdays, but had come to Davangere as he shared a special bond with Mr. Siddaramaiah. "As a person I like Mr. Siddaramaiah, but I also share his views. I share his compassion for the poor and weak," he said.

Sea of humanity

The birthday event saw several lakhs pouring from different parts of the State to wish their leader, in a show of strength. The crowd comprised people of different age groups and there were senior citizens who walked several kilometres to arrive at the event.

Siddaramappa, 81, from Koratagere village in Channagiri taluk of Davangere district, who had come with his 70-year-old wife Gangamma, said that he had made the trip at his wife's insistence. "I have come here with ₹500 for food expenses," he said.

Lakhs of people like him cheered Mr. Siddaramaiah and the Congress every time the name was taken by the speakers on the dias. In fact, when KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar took Mr. Siddaramaiah's name and greeted him, the cheer lasted several minutes.

Rahul receives 'Ishta Linga Deekshe', learns about Basavanna's philosophy

Shivakumar says visit was not for seeking political support

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi received 'Ishta Linga Deekshe' from Shivamurthy Murugha Sharana, seer of Murugharajendra Mutt in Chitradurga district, on Wednesday. This is one of the prominent mutts of Veerashaiva-Lingayats, a powerful community that is largely seen as being loyal to the BJP.

The seer conducted the 'Ishta Linga Deekshe' ceremony, considered an important ritual in the Lingayat sect. The seer offered Mr. Gandhi an Ishta Linga and applied vibhuthi on his forehead.

Mr. Gandhi told the seer that he would worship the Ishta Linga and follow Basavanna's philosophy. He also requested the seer to send a representative of the mutt to his place so that he could learn the rituals associated with the Ishta Linga.

Speaking to the media, Shivamurthy Sharana said Mr. Gandhi was curious to know the heritage and philosophy of the mutt. "As he was keen to learn about the way we offer our prayers, I demonstrated to him the Ishta Linga puja (worshipping of the Ishta Linga)," he said.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with Shivamurthy Murugha Sharana of Murugharajendra Mutt in Chitradurga district on Wednesday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Mr. Gandhi then showed interest to have 'Ishta Linga Deekshe'. I offered him the Ishta Linga. He accepted it happily," the seer said. "The ceremony was not scheduled in advance."

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, who spoke at the meeting, said: "Mr. Gandhi has not come here to seek political support from the mutt, but to show his respect to the seer."

'Country needs Modi'

Interestingly, a few minutes before Mr. Gandhi's visit to the mutt, Shivamurthy Sharana had said that the country needed leaders like Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speaking to the media, he said that under the leadership of Mr. Modi, the country had emerged strong in many fields.

Siddaramaiah mocks Modi's policies

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
DAVANGERE

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah used the occasion of his birthday to highlight the Congress' achievements and to mock at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his policies.

Mocking at Mr. Modi's statement of "Na Khavunga, Na Khane Doonga", Mr. Siddaramaiah referred to the "40% commission" allegation against the BJP government by the president of State contractors' association and sought to know why the Prime Minister had done nothing even after the association wrote to him.

On "Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikas" slogan of Mr. Modi, he said why the same yardsticks were not applied when giving compensation for murder victims. "Why did Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai give compensation only to Praveen's family, and why not to Masood or Fazil?" he asked, referring to the communal killings in coastal Karnataka.

Mr. Siddaramaiah listed out the welfare measures of the previous Congress government and gave a call to the gathering to work towards unseating the "corrupt BJP" government.

Earlier, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar showered praises on Mr. Siddaramaiah and said that several pro-people measures were taken under the Congress rule by Mr. Siddaramaiah. He termed the birthday of Mr. Siddaramaiah as "celebration of all of us."

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Congress' public show of unity

Mr. Shivakumar felicitated and hugged Mr. Siddaramaiah in a public show of unity and bonhomie, prompting Mr. Gandhi to express happiness. Later, Mr. Siddaramaiah too tried to play down the bickering between the two leaders, terming it as a creation by a section of the media. "There is no difference between me and Mr. Shivakumar. But a section of the media created it. We are united and united we fight against the BJP and bring back the Congress to power," he said. There was no mention of "future Chief Minister" in the event.

During the party's Political Affairs Committee meeting in Hubballi on Tuesday night, in which Mr. Gandhi was present, a clear message was sent out to the leaders that public utterances on the party's internal matters and leadership issue would not be tolerated.

BJP questions propriety of holding grand celebration to mark birthday

'Could have been toned down considering people's suffering'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The ruling BJP on Wednesday questioned the propriety of holding a mega event to mark the 75th birthday of Siddaramaiah on a grand scale when the State is faced with heavy rains and there have been murders in Dakshina Kannada.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, BJP State general secretary N. Ravikumar said celebrations could have been toned down considering the suffering of people. In fact, this was the reason why the BJP cancelled its 'Janotsava' programme that had been scheduled to mark the government's anniversary, he said. He remarked that the programme, which saw the participation of a large number of people, was actually a political message given by Mr. Siddaramaiah to the Congress high command and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar that he cannot be sidelined in the party. "The programme will intensify the internal tussle in the Congress," he said.

Traffic held up for hours

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
DAVANGERE

As thousands of vehicles started arriving at Davangere ferrying people from various districts of the State to the birthday event of Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, traffic jams lasting hours were witnessed at various junctions.

There were jams within the city and also on the Pune-Bengaluru National Highway with vehicles lining up for kilometres. Congestion lasted for about 12 hours in some stretches.

Apart from the 1,500 buses hired for the event by the organising committee, thousands of vehicles, including cars, SUVs, MUVs, and mini buses from across the State, reached the city from different directions leading to traffic chaos. Many leaders scheduled to participate in the event were also stuck for hours.

The unprecedented crowd also delayed the arrival of former AICC president Rahul Gandhi and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar to the venue located off the Pune- Bengaluru NH.

As the NH between Davangere and Harihar witnessed people arriving in lakhs, Mr. Gandhi had to take a circumventing route to reach Shamanur Palace Ground.

One of the traffic officials told this correspondent that the traffic jam had started as early as 6 a.m. as more and more vehicles began arriving from different routes to the venue.

Guidelines on constructing buildings on roadside

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Public Works Department of the State has come out with guidelines for preventing construction of illegal buildings near State highways, district major roads, and other roads, and for providing sufficient space for widening of roads and smooth movement of vehicles.

As per the new guidelines, on the State highways, developers have to construct buildings or shopping complexes from a distance of 40 meters from the middle of the highway road. Similarly, in major district roads, developers have to construct buildings from a distance of 25 meters from the middle of the road.

In the city corporation limits, buildings would be allowed to be constructed from a distance of 12 meters from the road and it would be six meters in urban local bodies such as city municipal councils, town panchayats, and gram panchayats, according to guidelines issued by the PWD.

PWD Minister C.C. Patil has instructed engineers to ensure adequate space on both sides of the road to ensure smooth movement of vehicles and reduce number of accidents.

HC sets aside subpoena against ex-Chief Election Commissioner

Subpoena cannot be issued just for askance, says court

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The subpoena (a writ ordering a person to attend court to answer questions) cannot be issued against the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and ex-Chief Election Commissioners in the Election Petitions (EPs) just for askance, ruled the High Court of Karnataka, while setting aside subpoena issued against Sunil Arora, an ex-Chief Election Commissioner.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Krishna S. Dixit and Justice P. Krishna Bhat delivered the verdict while allowing an appeal filed by the Election Commission of India questioning the subpoena issued against Mr. Arora by a single judge of the High Court.

"The constitutional functionaries or ex-functionaries cannot be summoned as witnesses just for askance. The contention that these functionaries do not figure in the "exemption class" earmarked by Civil Procedure Code, 1908, is too feeble a ground for issuing subpoena to them," the court said.

The court also pointed out that "ordinarily the provisions of law that carve out an "exempted class of subpoena" do not intend to make such class exhaustive in the sense that all those *dehors* the class can be summoned as witness at askance."

"Ordinarily, in civilised jurisdictions functionaries of the constitutional bodies are not subjected to subpoena. Since they have to act and take significant decisions in the discharge of duties fearlessly. Otherwise, they run the fear of being called as witnesses and that may push them to defensive mode affecting public interest," the Division Bench observed.

The Division Bench also pointed out that "there is a catena of decisions wherein arraying of the Election Commission as a party to the election disputes is deprecated by the apex court."

"A very strong case has to be made out for summoning the members or ex-members of constitutional bodies. The reason as to why the Election Commission of India cannot be made a party to the election petitions gives sufficient indication as to why its members or ex-members cannot be summoned as witnesses, the Division Bench observed, while pointing out that the issue of legality of postponement of election date can be gone into by summoning the official records of the Election Commission of India.

The single judge had issued subpoena to Mr. Arora on June 17, 2022, while hearing an EP, in which the legality of election of BJP candidate Mahesh Kumathalli in the byelection held in 2019 from the Athani Legislative Assembly constituency was questioned by one Ravi Shivappa Padasalagi, a defeated Independent candidate.

Subpoena was issued as the petitioner, during the adjudication of the EP, wanted to examine Mr. Arora on the legality of postponing of the date of byelections.

The Election Commission of India had postponed the date of byelections based on the apex court's oral observation that it was desirable to postpone it till the issue of disqualification of 17 disqualified MLAs was adjudicated.

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Rain: Death toll rises to 19 in Kerala

Red alert withdrawn in all districts; orange alert in 12 districts today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The heavy rain that has been lashing Kerala since Sunday has abated, providing a reprieve to the local people, even as the State continues to remain on high alert.

With the rain keeping away from most parts of the State on Wednesday, the overall situation has improved significantly.

Furious yet beautiful: Athirapalli falls in full glory as water was released from the Peringalkuthu reservoir. • K.K. NAJEEB

Misery continues

However, the misery of the people in rain-hit areas continued.

Seven people were killed in various rain-related incidents on Wednesday, taking the death toll to 19. Three deaths were recorded in Thrissur, including two fishermen, who went missing in the sea two days ago. The bodies of Maniyan, 46, and Gilbert, 54, of Pulluvila, Thiruvananthapuram, who went for fishing from Chettuva harbour four days ago, were recovered. The body of Babu Varghese, 53, of Uzhinjal, who went for fishing in a nearby paddy field, was also recovered.

In Kottayam, two deaths were reported. The deceased were identified as Dasan, 75, and Amal, 18. Dasan, a native of Thalayazham drowned while venturing into a river.

Amal, a Plus Two student, was swept away by floodwaters while venturing into an inundated rubber plantation near Manarcaud.

In Pathanamthitta, Kasinathan, 16, was killed when his head banged against a rock while diving into a temple pond near Thiruvalla.

In another incident in Kollam, the body of Noufal, 21, of Anugraha Nagar, who went missing in the Pallimon lake while taking bath, has also been recovered.

The Revenue department has opened as many as 178 camps across the State accommodating 5,168 inmates. Around 30 houses were destroyed and 198 houses were damaged in the heavy rain.

Meanwhile, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has withdrawn the red alert issued for nine districts on Thursday with the weather improving. Orange alert has been issued across the State, except Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam, where yellow alert has been issued.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan directed officials to make arrangements to shift the tourists who were affected by the rain to safer places. Addressing a meeting of District Collectors here on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said there was no need to evacuate people living in tourism centres and resorts unless the situation warranted.

Will Amit Shah bail out Karnataka BJP and govt.?

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The ruling BJP leaders, taken aback by the recent developments, including the three murders in Dakshina Kannada and the subsequent anguish against the leadership by the party workers, are now looking at key strategist and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to bail them out.

While Mr. Shah arrived in Bengaluru late in the night on Wednesday to take part in a programme on Thursday, the leaders are expecting him to provide a "course correction" for the party, which is gripped by the challenge of instilling confidence through efficient law and order system.

The BJP leaders admit that the outrage of party workers against the leadership has hit the preparations for the 2023 Assembly elections. They fear that if not nipped in the bug, this anguish may create a gulf between the party and the government.

Mr. Shah is also expected to take stock of other political developments, including Siddaramotsava organised by the Congress to mark the 75th birthday of the Leader of Opposition.

Another section of BJP leaders believe that Mr. Shah may also advise Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on the long-pending issue of ministerial expansion. "He may given clarity on whether to take up ministerial expansion or not," a prominent leader said.

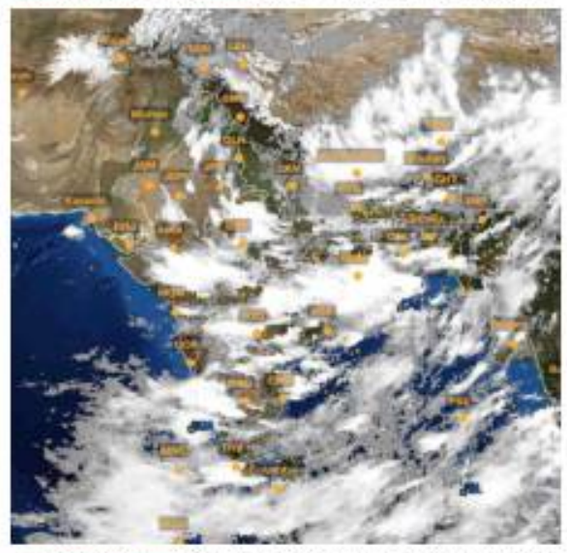
He is also expected to look at the tricky issue of the BJP's main support base of Lingayats holding a protest demanding inclusion of all their subjects in the Central OBC list. AICC Leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to the Lingayat Mutt on Wednesday is being seen by the BJP as an attempt to eat into the party's vote base. While Mr. Shah has not scheduled any formal or official meeting with any leaders, he is expected to hold informal meeting with the chief minister. He is set to return to Delhi on Thursday afternoon itself.

The leaders are also expecting him to hold consultations on the rejig of the party organisation which is on the cards as the term of incumbent office-bearers is coming to an end.

Mr. Shah has been making repeated visits to the State in the last few months.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Assam, Mizoram, Bihar, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and coastal Andhra Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	4	35.1	26.2	Kozhikode	85	25.6	23.1
Ahmedabad	0.6	34.8	26.7	Kurnool	0.8	31.4	24.5
Aizawl	87	27.0	20.8	Lucknow	–	34.4	26.6
Allahabad	–	35.0	25.6	Madurai	–	33.5	24.7
Bengaluru	63	27.5	19.7	Mangaluru	24.7	28.3	23.2
Bhopal	68	33.7	24.8	Mumbai	9	30.8	25.0
Bhubaneswar	–	33.6	27.2	Mysuru	48	28.0	20.0
Chandigarh	–	33.3	27.1	New Delhi	–	34.6	27.6
Chennai	2	31.5	26.7	Patna	37	33.2	26.0
Coimbatore	–	28.4	22.2	Port Blair	62	28.4	22.9
Dehradun	69	31.7	22.8	Puducherry	–	30.4	24.6
Gangtok	2.2	21.6	17.9	Pune	–	32.6	23.1
Goa	–	29.6	24.4	Raipur	–	35.4	27.8
Guwahati	75	34.6	25.5	Ranchi	0.6	31.9	24.1
Hubballi	–	27.0	22.0	Shillong	0.3	25.6	18.4
Hyderabad	3	31.9	22.8	Shimla	–	25.3	20.3
Imphal	8	26.1	22.3	Srinagar	–	29.4	17.6
Jaipur	61	33.0	22.6	Thiruvananthapuram	47	28.0	22.3
Kochi	11	25.0	23.8	Tiruchi	–	31.5	25.0
Kohima	4	25.6	17.2	Vijayawada	55	33.2	23.6
Kolkata	76	31.4	26.9	Visakhapatnam	–	34.0	27.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	27	16	.41	36	88	
Bengaluru	22	34	.95	–	39	
Chennai	16	11	.32	101	95	
Delhi	24	78	.84	134	293	
Hyderabad	17	27	117	57	62	
Kolkata	9	15	.22	58	87	
Lucknow	8	72	.55	47	61	
Mumbai	15	12	.50	256	195	
Pune	–	40	.96	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	16	33	.13	48	92	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Saharsa, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 230 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IN BRIEF

HC stays proceedings in case against Antony Raju

KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Wednesday stayed for a month all proceedings in the evidence tampering case pending against Minister for Transport Antony Raju before the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court. The High Court *prima facie* agreed with the Minister's claim that the prosecution initiated against him was illegal as it was done by the police and not the court.

Ranganathittu now a Ramsar site

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The renowned Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Srirangapatna has been declared a Ramsar site underlining its status as a wetland of international importance.

This is also the first and the only Ramsar site in Karnataka though India's tally of such sites stands at 64. The Union Minister for Environment Forests and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav took to Twitter to announce the recognition to 10 additional sites in India, including Ranganathittu, on Wednesday.

Confirming the developments, V. Karikalan, Deputy Conservator of Forests, said as a Ramsar site Ranganathittu would command international attention and importance as a wetland of global importance. India is a signatory to the Convention on Wetlands which was adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971 and provides a framework for conservation of wetlands.

Criteria

The convention lists as many as nine criteria and fulfilling even one of them is sufficient for a wetland to be recognised as a Ramsar site. According to the Ramsar convention, "A wetland should be considered internationally important if it supports populations of plant and/or animal species important for maintaining the biological diversity of a particular biogeographic region." Similarly, it has spelt out criteria based on bird population of specific species, fish, and other taxa. One of the Ramsar criteria is that a wetland should support 20,000 or more waterfowl while another is that it should regularly support 1% of the population of one species or sub-species of water bird. Mr. Karikalan said Ranganathittu meets three to four of the nine criteria pertaining to local flora, fauna, and ecology and hence it is a well-deserved recognition.

The bird sanctuary supports more than 1% of the world's population of spot-billed pelicans, said Mr. Karikalan. During the last enumeration exercise as many as 220 bird species were listed, he added.

Case against EPS: SC sets aside Madras HC order

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday set aside a Madras High Court order of October 2018 transferring the probe into a complaint of corruption and nepotism against then Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami to the Central Bureau of Investigation from the State's Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC).

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India sent the case back to the High Court for fresh consideration and said Mr. Palaniswami, who was represented by senior advocate Aryama Sundaram and advocates Balaji Srinivasan and S.R. Rajagopal, may be impleaded. The HC had transferred the case to the CBI on October 12, 2018.

F. No. A. 12022/26/2016-E.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
(Department of Commerce)
Vanijya Bhavan, New Delhi

Applications are invited for the post of DIRECTOR, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi. IIFT established as a Society under the Department of Commerce in the year 1963 was granted the status of Deemed University by the University Grants Commission in 2002.

2. Details of the post are available on the website of Department of Commerce *(https://www.commerce.gov.in)* under "Vacancy Section", Department of Personnel and Training *(https://www.dopt.gov.in)* and IIFT's website www.iift.edu.

3. Applications in prescribed format, alongwith requisite information, may be sent to Dr. Krishan Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Room No. 442, Vanijya Bhavan, New Delhi-110001, within 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement.

(Government of Karnataka)
RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT HASSAN DIVISION HASSAN
Phone No.08172-261640 Email Id:eerdwsd.hsn@gmail.com
One &TWO COVER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO:08/2022-23 DATED : 02-08-2022

On Behalf Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Hassan Division Hassan. Has Invited the Tender for the worksof Holenarsipura and Arsikere Taluk Approved under2021-22JJM Mention Below, **Single Cover System works** Holenarasipura Taluk 02 Works- (SC-1 & ST-1)**Two Cover System works** Arsikere Taluk 01 Work (General) Above work tenders are invited in One &Two cover system in e-procurement portal. The tender details are available in www.e-procurement.karnataka.gov.inFrom **03-08-2022** After 5.30P.m . The bidder should submitted the tender with in the dated: **12-08-2022** before 5-30 P.M. On Dated:**08-08-2022** The Pre-bid Meeting will be conducted in this office, Interested Contractor may participated. Venue : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Zilla Panchyath Building, N.R,Circle Hassan. The Technical bid will open on dated:**16-08-2022** after 11.00 A.M. The Financial bid of the Technically qualified bidder will be open on dated: **18-08-2022** after 11.00A.M. The Executive Engineer has reserved the rights of to cancel all tender or any one tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural drinking water and sanitation Dept, Hassan division, Hassan.

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Government of Karnataka
Minor irrigation and Ground Water Development Department
Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal
Phone & Fax No: 08539-220054 email : eemidnkst@rediffmail.com
No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2022-23/2043 Dated : 01-08-2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents **KW-4** on E-procurement portal for 2 no of works pertaining to Koppal district. The amount put to tender for the mentioned works varies from **Rs. 133.63 to 178.09 Lakhs.** The tenderers may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. **Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **03-08-2022**. Last date & time for receipt of tender is **12-08-2022 time 17.30 hours**, pre bid meeting will be held on **08-08-2022 time 11.00 hours** at this office, date & time for opening of technical bid **16-08-2022 time 11.00 hours**, date and time for opening of financial bid **18-08-2022 time 11.00 hours** (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
Minor Irrigation and
Ground Water Development
Department Division Koppal.

DIPR/KOPPAL/273/2022-23/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. B31/SEE(IT&MIS)/EE(N.W&D.C)/33906/2022-23 Date: 03.08.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid against bid enq. No B31/SEE(ITMIS)/EE(NWDC)/CSA/2022/7 for Conducting Cyber Security Audit at KPTCL Corporate Office, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru. The bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in on the hyperlink e-procurement on or after 04.08.2022, 4PM. Other details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/ Superintending Engineer (Ele), IT&MIS, KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-09.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Horticulture Superintendent
(Mahadevapura), Mahadevapura Zone,
Bangalore-560016.
No. HS/MDP/TENDER/PR/03/2022-23 Dated: 03.08.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(SHORT TERM)
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Through GoK E-Procurement Portal only)

The Horticulture Superintendent (Mahadevapura), (Referred to as employer in these documents) invites tenders in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/Firms (Referred to as tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Maintenance of Parks in Mahadevapura Zone.

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam under login for contractors. The transaction fee is non-refundable. Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) declaration format attached with this document. Tenders must be electronically submitted (online) within the date and time published in e-procurement portal. Tenders will be opened at prescribed time and date in the e-procurement portal, in the presence of the tenderers who wish to attend in the Office of the Horticulture Superintendent (Mahadevpura), Bengaluru-560016. The tenderer will be selected under low cost selection (LCS) procedures (The tenderer which quoted lower rate).

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated Amount (in Rs.)	Stipulated Period of Completion (in Months)
1.	Maintenance of Belishivale Hanumanthanagara parks in Ward No. 54	11,56,250/-	12 Months

Category/Reserved for : Others.

Calendar of Events: (1) Date of Notification: 03.08.2022. (2) Tender can be downloaded from: 04.08.2022. (3) Tender closing date: 16.08.2022. (4) Technical bid opening date: 18.08.2022 (16.00 Hrs.). (5) Financial bid opening date: 20.08.2022 (16.00 Hrs.). Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Horticulture Superintendent (Mahadevapura)

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BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.
No: EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/05/2022-23
Dated: 03-08-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited through E-Procurement for the works approved Under JJM Head of grants for the year 2022-23. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 19-08-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit Website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division
Bengaluru

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Ph: 080-22443143, 080-22442421
No.: IGICH/DRC/1/2022-23 Date: 03.08.2022

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for the Post of Director cum Dean, IGICH, Bengaluru from eligible candidates. The eligible Candidates from the same Autonomous Institute need to apply. The application format & other details can be downloaded from website of IGICH, Bengaluru, **igich.karnataka.gov.in** The applicants shall submit application form along with **D.D. Rs. 5,000/-** in the name of **Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bengaluru.** All duly filled application forms with the required documents along with DD of Rs. 5,000/-(Non Refundable) should reach the office of Chief Administrative Officer, IGICH, Bengaluru **on or before 18.08.2022 before 4.00 PM.**

Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer, IGICH, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner, **Ms. Ammu Joseph**, daughter of late K.C. Joseph and wife of S.G. Vasudev, residing at No. 71, S.T. Bed Layout, Koramangala, Bengaluru 560034, she having acquired title to the same under a Sale Deed dated 03.04.1989 registered as Document No. 32/89-90, Book-I, Volume 2830, Pages 68-72 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore.

All persons having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

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ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of residential house bearing **No. 142,** having **PID No. 74-8-142,** E-Asti bearing No. 1052864, site area measuring **1319 sq. ft** together with a building consisting of Ground Floor and First Floor each measuring 715 sq. ft. situated in HAL III Stage, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru in the layout formed by the City Improvement Trust Board presently known as Bangalore Development Authority and bounded on:
On the East by : Road
On the West by : Site No. 127
On the North by : Site No. 143
On the South by : Site No. 141

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 03.08.2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division,
2nd Cross, Jaladarshini Layout,
MSR Nagara, Mathikere, Bengaluru -560 054.
No: EE/MLM/E-PROC/10/2022-23 **Date: 03.08.2022**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Through **GOK** e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender for the following work on Item Rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents KW-4 by the Executive Engineer Malleshwaram Division, BBMP from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or Equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl No.	Name of the Works	Amount put to Tender (₹.In Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Providing and Fixing Children play equipment's other allied works at Sangolli Rayanna Park in Ward No-66 Malleshwaram.	180.00	2,70,000/- (Rs.1.00 Lakhs through e-Portal and Balance amount in the form of BG)
2.	Providing Asphalting and Improvements to 2nd and 3rd cross road D block in Ward No-76 Gayathrinagara-P3726	60.00	1,20,000/- (Rs.1.00 Lakhs through e-Portal and Balance amount in the form of BG)
3.	Providing Asphalting and Improvements to 1st Main Road to 12th Main Road, 2nd Road D Block in Ward No-76 Gayathrinagara-P3726	60.00	1,20,000/- (Rs.1.00 Lakhs through e-Portal and Balance amount in the form of BG)

Calendar of Events : (1) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **12.08.2022** at **4:30** pm in the office of the Executive Engineer (Malleshwaram) Division. (2) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is **16.08.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Last date & Time for Submission of Tender Difference amount at the above office **16.08.2022** up to **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bid Proposals on **18.08.2022** at **3:00** pm. (5) Opening of Financial Bid proposals after approval of Technical proposals (Will be intimated later to the successful Technically Qualifying Bidders). Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Malleshwaram Division

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Crossing the line

B.S. Koshyari seems intent on exceeding his brief as Maharashtra Governor

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari was tactless in his tasteless comment at a public event recently, where he brought up the tensions between Marathi speakers and people from other parts of the country who have made the State their home. The Governor, inappropriately for the position that he occupies, taunted Marathi speakers by saying that if Gujaratis and Rajasthanis are removed from Maharashtra, especially from Mumbai and Thane, no money would be left there, and Mumbai would lose its status as India's financial capital. The statement triggered a storm in the State that has a strong stream of regionalism in its politics, forcing even the BJP to distance itself from him. Maharashtra is a growth centre of the country and attracts talent and investments. Ethnic tensions, and the questions regarding the character and status of Mumbai, which were extremely volatile topics in State politics at one point, are now dormant. The Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party have a distinct regional character, while the Congress and the BJP vie for the support of linguistic minorities too. But no party frames its politics as an ethnic face-off. In this context, Mr. Koshyari's statement was unwise. He has since recanted his statement, and apologised.

The long list of transgressions by Mr. Koshyari, and his latest gaffe, should serve as a reminder to all Governors to be judicious, and mindful of the borders of proper conduct. In November 2019, Mr. Koshyari had sworn in a government after a night of political intrigues, in a hushed manner, and it did not last even to test its majority in the Assembly. Once the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government was formed under the leadership of Uddhav Thackeray, Mr. Koshyari turned blatantly hostile towards it. In October 2020, he taunted the Chief Minister for keeping places of worship closed to contain the spread of COVID-19, asking him whether he had turned secular. Protests erupted and the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, was disapproving of the taunt. He refused to accept the list of 12 people that the State cabinet had recommended for nomination to the legislative council. Mr. Koshyari did not allow the election of a new Speaker of the Assembly for more than a year after the resignation of the previous Speaker, citing excuses. He suddenly decided to bury all that to allow the election of a new Speaker immediately after the formation of a new government of the breakaway faction of the Shiv Sena and the BJP, following the fall of the MVA government. He made thoughtless remarks about Chhatrapati Shivaji and Savitribai Phule, icons of Maharashtra's cultural pride and social progress. The Centre, which appoints Governors, must make sure that such conduct is not rewarded or tolerated.

Trade worries

The burgeoning trade deficit is set to swell the current account deficit

July's provisional trade data should trigger early warning signals among policymakers, as the first year-on-year contraction in exports in 17 months, albeit marginal, and a 44% jump in imports, sharply widened the trade deficit to a third successive monthly record. The export performance is of concern, reflecting a slowdown in overseas demand for Indian merchandise, the competitive advantage gained by the rupee's sizeable depreciation against the U.S. dollar notwithstanding. While the Commerce Ministry has sought to explain away the 0.8% slide in last month's exports as largely being a result of inflation-control curbs, the Ministry's preliminary disaggregated data suggest several key sectors including engineering goods, gems and jewellery, garments and yarn and textiles, and drugs and pharmaceuticals, which were mostly outside the purview of those measures, also suffered contractions. And viewed on a sequential basis, the slide in exports from June's level is a disconcerting 12.2%. Engineering goods, which at more than 26% represented the largest share of merchandise shipped overseas in July, contracted 2.5% from a year earlier and also shrank 2.9% sequentially. Even granting that the Government's introduction in late May of a stiff export tax on a range of steel products, with a view to boosting their domestic availability and cooling price gains, was likely to have constrained exports of this segment of engineering goods, the contraction in the broad category points to a clear slowdown in demand in the advanced economies.

The latest S&P Global PMI data from the U.S. and the eurozone for economic activity in July is also far from reassuring. As per the PMI data, output across Europe's major economies sharing the euro as common currency shrank for the first time since February 2021 as a worsening manufacturing downturn combined with a slowdown in the service sector to drag the composite index into contraction territory. The U.S. economy, which has now contracted for two successive quarters putting it on the edge of a recession, saw manufacturing PMI post its lowest reading in two years as output and new orders declined in July. Given that the U.S. and the eurozone combined consumed almost a third of India's goods exports in the last fiscal year, the prospect of July's export slowdown deepening as demand in these markets weakens appears increasingly more likely. Imports continued to expand at a robust clip, driven largely by the expanding domestic demand for essentials including crude oil, coal, edible oils and electronic items. Coal and coke alone exceeded $5.1 billion. The augury from the trade data is that the external sector faces increasing vulnerability as the burgeoning trade deficit is set to swell the current account deficit, adding pressure on the rupee at a time when portfolio investments from overseas have been negative, and foreign direct investment has been significantly weaker.

Teaching the Taliban the wrong lessons

The world appears to have highlighted that short-sighted tactics, and not strategic vision, will decide the future

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At a recent Track-2 meeting for Afghan and regional delegates, a senior Taliban official was more than confident that the militant group was well on its way to global acceptance. The "Emirate" had "almost completed" the official recognition process from the international community, the official said, citing the number of countries that now operate diplomatic missions in Kabul, the number of bilateral visits Taliban delegations have made and received, the number of multilateral meetings the Taliban have been invited to in Russia and China, as well as the most recent one in Uzbekistan, where as many as 30 countries including India sent senior envoys to meet around a table with a large Taliban delegation to discuss "Afghanistan: Security and Economic Development" in Tashkent in July.

Conditions and result

The statement by the Taliban official is a sign of the confidence that the Taliban feels that their takeover of Kabul by force one year ago is a "done deal" for the world. It is also a sign of all the wrong lessons the Taliban have taken from the reactions of the international community. Al-Qaeda chief Ayman al-Zawahiri's killing in a recent U.S. drone strike on a home in Kabul's posh Sherpur area is proof that the Taliban, including the Haqqanis who reportedly hosted Zawahiri, feel little pressure to keep their end of the Faustian bargain the world made with them in August 2021. Part of that bargain was the Doha agreement signed between the United States and the Taliban on February 29, 2020, which was endorsed by the UN Security Council, and premised on four conditions: Taliban guarantees that they would prevent the use of Afghan soil by international terrorist groups against the security of the U.S. and its allies; the U.S. and Coalition forces would provide a "timeline" for the withdrawal of forces; a political settlement for Afghanistan would arise from Taliban talks with the Afghan (Ghani) government, and that the Taliban would announce a ceasefire. It is fairly clear that only one of those conditions was met, i.e., the U.S. and others withdrew all foreign troops from Afghanistan by August 31, 2021.

As a result, the first lesson the Taliban learnt was that they did not need to keep any promises to the U.S. or to the international community. Apart from the three in the Doha agreement that the group disregarded before the ink on the agreement was even dry, the Taliban went on to make and break several others: taking Kabul and the rest of the country by force; giving key portfolios to those still on the United Nation's designated terrorist list (for example, Sirajuddin Haqqani is Afghanistan's Acting Interior Minister), and refusing to form an inclusive government that brought in women, minorities, or even members of non-Taliban groups.

Broken word on rights

Perhaps the most egregious example of their broken word is the one given to Afghanistan's young girls – female teenage students between Classes 6 and 12 are still not allowed to go to school. Instead, each week brings one more Taliban diktat aimed at keeping women out of an education, out of jobs, and out of sight in particular, with even female television anchors being forced to cover their faces. Other new restrictions mandate that women must be "escorted" in public at all times, ensuring that Afghan women, who are known for their vibrant contributions over the past two decades in every field, are being effaced from society, without a pushback from any quarter.

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The second lesson the Taliban have learnt is that stability and the lack of violence beget international complacency. As the chief insurgent force in Afghanistan, the Taliban wielded the "violence veto" in all talks post 2001. As the default power in Kabul now, they have found that stopping the violence helps other countries forget what they have suffered in the past. Proof comes from the number of countries now operating diplomatic missions in Kabul, despite the fact that no country recognises the Taliban. While China, Russia, Iran and Pakistan never shut their missions when the Taliban took over, those who have reopened missions subsequently include most Central Asian countries, the Gulf states including Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Indonesia, and now India.

America has other problems

The next lesson the Taliban have learned is that the U.S. and its allies have bigger problems to deal with now, and interest in Afghanistan, much like in the 1990s, has ground to a trickle. It is clear that as the U.S. squares up to face its "twin challenges" from Russia and China, made more difficult by the war in Ukraine and the stand-off in Taiwan, it has little "bandwidth" for other issues. A case in point is Myanmar, where the military junta overthrew the elected government in February 2021, imprisoned most of the political leadership including Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, and is now executing opposition activists at will despite entreaties from the world. It is clear that concerns about human rights, democracy and the will of the people hold diminishing sway, even as global leaders pay lip service to democracy summits, religious freedom conferences and UN Security Council resolutions.

India's record

Even by such poor global standards, India's record on the Taliban government has been disappointing. In 1996, the government in New Delhi – a weak and fractious coalition in New Delhi – had formulated a three-pronged policy that was fairly clear: India would have no truck with the Taliban, would support the Northern Alliance forces led by Ahmad Shah Massoud by allowing their leadership to come to India with their families, and extended shelter to more than 12,000 Afghan refugees who were able to flee Taliban rule. This policy held India in good stead for the post-Taliban period 2001-2021, when India was able to build a strong relationship with Afghanistan, became its first strategic partner, crafted a series of important infrastructure initiatives including Parliament, the Afghan-India Friendship (Salma) dam and the Zaranj-Delaram highway, and educated thousands of Afghan students, doctors and military cadets.

The relationship India has held with Afghans since August 15, 2021, however, has been hard to define or fathom. Addressing a Cabinet Committee on Security two days after the Taliban takeover, Prime Minister Narendra Modi ratified the decision to shut down the Indian Embassy in Kabul, but said that along with Indian citizens and needy Sikh and Hindu minority community members, India must provide "all possible help to our Afghan brothers and sisters who are looking towards India for assistance".

That promise, unfortunately, was high on rhetoric but hollow in reality. India has allowed only citizens and minorities with pre-existing long term visas to enter India, while closing the door to all others. By cancelling all visas that had been issued earlier to Afghan citizens, including government officials, journalists and other frequent visitors, India has turned friends into unwanted entrants. While a total of 60,000 visa applications were received by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs under the newly created "e-Emergency X-Misc" visa, only a paltry 200 were disbursed by December 2021, and a few dozen more in 2022.

Rather than a consistent stand on ties with the Taliban, the Modi government has now opened talks at the highest levels, with senior Indian officials even meeting Sirajuddin Haqqani, the man leading the group responsible for multiple attacks on Indian establishments, including the deadly bombing of the Indian embassy in Kabul. It is particularly perplexing that India has taken this stand, given its refusal for talks with Pakistan over the terror issue. Even more puzzling, that when India chose to negotiate with Pakistan, it was to send wheat aid to Afghanistan, ignoring the well-established route via Chabahar that it had used in the past.

Significantly, India has joined the list of countries opening missions under the Taliban regime, but has yet to post a diplomat who can restart the process of consular and visa operations. The "technical team" in Kabul is, therefore, essentially a security outpost; a halfway house that deals with the Taliban leadership, but not the people. If the purpose of this mission was to prove itself as a friend to the Afghan people by re-establishing the embassy, then it falls short of the needs of thousands of students waiting to return to India for their studies, patients needing medical care, or a political leadership needing a platform to fight the Taliban's vision. New Delhi's moves, like those of the international community, have in fact allowed the Taliban to learn the worst lesson of all, one year after they entered Kabul: that in a world where principles are in short supply, short-sighted tactics, not strategic vision will decide the future.

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Public assets sale and the concern of 'fiduciary duty'

The Air India asset sale sets a dangerous precedent as it could result in liabilities being left on citizens

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The sale of the loss-making national carrier Air India to the Tata Group is a move that evoked a mixed response. While some hailed it on the assumption that it would no longer spell a further loss to the exchequer, its opponents felt that a national asset was being sold at a throwaway price without transparency by the Union government.

On October 8, 2021, the Union government announced that Tata Sons was the winner of the bid for the airline for a consideration of ₹18,000 crore; the Tatas would retain ₹15,300 crore of Air India's debt and pay ₹2,700 crore in cash to the Government. The seller, the Government of India, would retain a liability of ₹46,262 crore that was transferred to a special purpose vehicle, the Air India Asset Holding Ltd (AIAHL) – thereby passing on the liability to individual taxpayer citizens. Thus, what was technically sold was just aircraft routes/landing rights and some core assets of Air India, and not Air India *per se*.

The sale of an enterprise is different from the sale of its assets (otherwise known as 'asset sale'), where in order to unlock the value of assets, liabilities are retained by the seller either by himself or through a special purpose vehicle, and assets are sold for a competitive price, as otherwise, the liabilities will surpass the value of the assets, rendering the enterprise value to negative. This is the norm in many corporate transactions.

It appears that this is the logic that was the driving force behind the Air India sale, where some assets (aircraft and a 50% stake in an airport services division) were sold to the Tatas and a major portion of the liabilities retained by the Union government through the AIAHL.

Asset sale, some differences

While an asset sale is normal in a corporate private transaction, the Government needs to exercise caution when selling a national asset to a private player. In a private asset sale, there are independent checks and balances, such as regulatory approvals, and the consent of the secured creditors (mostly banks) who will give their consent to park the liability only when they are satisfied that the promoters or the shareholders of the private enterprise would be able to satisfy the liabilities either from the proceeds of the sale or otherwise.

In a typical asset sale by the Government, these approvals are a mere formality. When the debt is assumed by the sovereign government, no banks that are directly or indirectly controlled by the government can conduct due diligence independently on the nature of the sale and report fairly on whether the proceeds of sale are sufficient to satisfy the debt because the government has given an undertaking to repay the debt or the government may even force banks into a settlement with lesser repayment or even a write-off. Thus, it is citizens who will end up repaying the debts of Air India.

It is prudent to extend the doctrine of 'public trust' to the management of public sector enterprises by the government. There is fiduciary duty cast upon the government to act fairly and in a transparent manner while dealing

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in public assets. Unlike a private asset sale, a government selling public assets and assuming the liabilities without proper planning will impose an enormous debt burden on citizens.

The Air India asset sale needs scrutiny in light of the Government's new National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP), where public assets will be monetised either as lease or outright sale. Air India's asset sale and retention of liabilities sets a dangerous precedent as it could result in the selling of public assets to government faithfuls and leaving the liabilities on citizens.

The privatisation of loss-making public sector enterprises may prevent the state from incurring further losses. However, unless the sale proceeds are substantial, genuine and transparent, a crisis of legitimacy may arise.

Electoral bonds

One has the example of the anonymous electoral bonds scheme which taps corporate funding to help any political party and where the details are known only to the ruling party, which could fuel mistrust of such asset sales. A Right to Information filing by the Association for Democratic Reforms showed that with the State Bank of India as the sole authorised dealer of electoral bonds, out of ₹3,429 crore of the total value of electoral bonds generated by the bank (FY19-20), the ruling party at the Centre alone devoured a whopping ₹2,606 crore, or 76% of the total bonds issued so far. This is also the period which saw instances of some major privatisation of public sector enterprises.

The recent award of a contract worth ₹1,126 crore to a Chinese firm (Shanghai Tunnel Engineering Co. Ltd.) to construct an underground rail stretch in Delhi and a contract worth ₹170 crore to another Chinese firm, Taizhong Hong Kong International Ltd., for the supply of wheels to Vande Bharat trains cannot be seen in isolation. It is important to remember that China is an aggressor at the Line of Actual Control. Here, the role of discreet political funding through anonymous electoral bonds needs to be assessed more closely.

Consult States

It is vital to recognise the role of States in establishing a public asset such as Air India, They have actively participated in the growth of the airline in the form of land and other infrastructure to its offices. States were not consulted in the whole process which is a breach of the spirit of 'cooperative federalism'.

According to Article 1 of the Constitution, India is a Union of States, i.e., the idea of India as a Union lies with the States, which are the owners of land and responsible for the maintenance of other infrastructure. Hence, any unilateral sale of assets by the Union without consulting States would only deepen the mistrust between the Union and the States.

India follows a mixed economy model, where the state negotiates a free market capitalist economy with social welfare principles. The economists, Andrew Glyn, the author of *Capitalism Unleashed* and John Maynard Keynes, the propounder of 'Keynesian economics' argue that 'unleashed' capitalism leads to widening inequality, diminishing social welfare, lowering demand, and thus slower economic progress. The devastating effect of the 1930s Great Depression is a case in hand. Thus, Keynes, while recognising a profit-driven market place, advocated social welfare policy interventions such as social uplift, full employment, to 'leash' capitalism, and public sector enterprises (with their social obligation) play a constructive role in achieving it.

In a mixed economy, private participation is encouraged in areas where government finds it difficult to perform, without making compromises on the social obligation of the state which is as important as a commercial viability. The role Air India played in the repatriation of Indians stranded abroad during the COVID-19 pandemic, its evacuation flights during wars and connecting remote areas to the mainland are some examples of social intervention that have to be kept in mind. By divesting the assets of Air India, the Government has stripped the assets and nationalised the debts to be serviced by citizens. If this logic and process is extended to the proposed National Monetisation Pipeline with discreet electoral bonds and without consulting States, no privatisation exercise by the Union will ever have any legitimacy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pelosi visit

The visit by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan, despite it being made clear to her that it would be seen as a reckless act by China, was a case of touch and go (Page 1, "Pelosi lands in Taiwan, China slams U.S.", August 3). Her visit is nothing but symbolic but at a time when there is a war involving the major powers, the world would be better off without a new round of confrontation. The aftershocks are bound to linger for a while.

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■ The controversy over Ms. Pelosi's visit stems from the "One China" policy which has governed U.S. relations with Taiwan for over 40 years. Perhaps, the visit will be an opportunity for Xi Jinping to capitalise on the U.S. President's weaknesses.

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■ Tensions between the U.S. and China would prove costly. That the well-being of the world is at the mercy of two or three world powers is a real tragedy.

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Lawn bowl gold

To see and also read a report about a team of four determined women moving ahead to clinch gold in the Commonwealth Games was heartening ('Sport' page, "Fantastic feat by Indian women", August 3). However, what cannot escape the eye is the palpable ignorance about the sport of lawn bowls in India. Popular faces in the commentary studio expressed astonishment at the lack of knowledge about the sport, besides expressing hope that the facilities required would increase. The goal of gold for Indian sports managers can be achieved only if there is better exposure to different sport across the country.

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Reaping the demographic dividend

India needs to invest in quality school and higher education as well as healthcare

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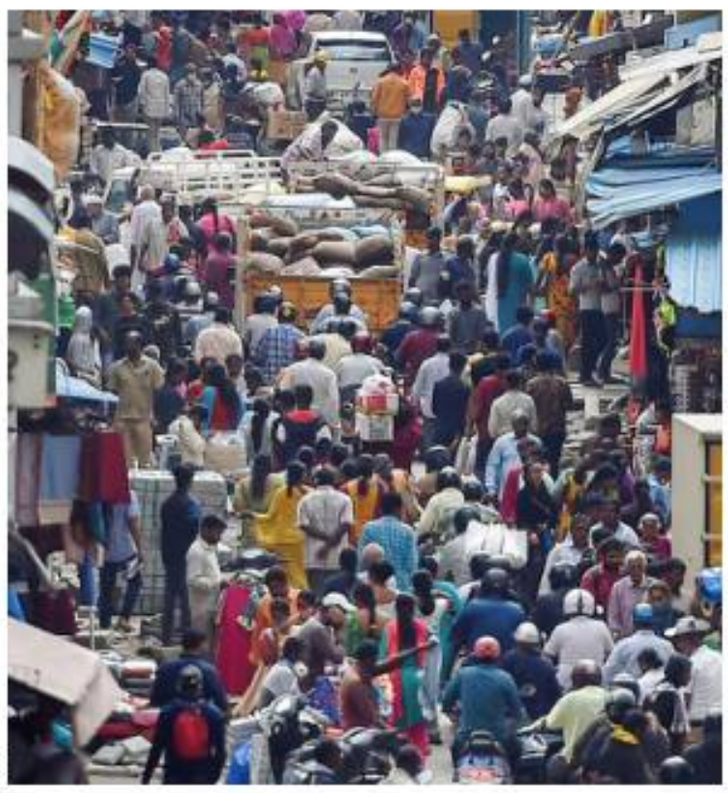

The UN report, World Population Prospects 2022, forecasts that the world's population will touch eight billion this year and rise to 9.8 billion in 2050. What is of immediate interest to India is that its population will surpass China's by 2023 and continue to surge.

A long-time critic of China's population policy and author of *Big Country with An Empty Nest*, Yi Fuxian, believes that without its one child policy, China's population, too, would have naturally risen and peaked at 1.6 billion in 2040, allowing the world's second-largest economy to enjoy a much longer "demographic dividend." Instead, China is enduring an ongoing population implosion, which by 2050, will leave it with only 1.3 billion people, of whom 500 million will be past the age of 60. India's population, by contrast, would have peaked at 1.7 billion, of whom only 330 million will be 60 years or older.

Simply put, India is getting a demographic dividend that will last nearly 30 years. How it handles this windfall will determine if it will rise to the top of the economic league table by the end of this century or continue to eddy at lower middle-income levels. A sceptical world is watching.

India's potential workforce

Most optimistic about India's future rise are major consulting firms. Deloitte's *Deloitte Insights* (September 2017) expects "India's potential workforce to rise from 885 million to "1.08 billion people over the next two decades from today", and "remain above a billion people for half a century," betting that "these new workers will be much better trained and educated," than their existing counterparts. It contends that "the next 50 years will, therefore, be an Indian summer that redraws the face of global economic power."

McKinsey & Company's report, 'India at Turning Point' (August 2020), believes the "trends such as digitisation and automation, shifting supply chains, urbanisation, rising incomes and demographic shifts, and a greater focus on sustainability, health, and safety are accelerating" to "create $2.5 trillion of economic value in 2030 and support 112 million jobs, or about 30% of the non-farm workforce in 2030."

The Economist is optimistic about India's future too. In its May 14, 2022 issue, it had this to say about India, "As the pandemic recedes, four pillars are clearly visible that will support growth in the next decade; the forging of a single national market, an expansion of industry owing to the renewable-energy shift and a move in supply chains away from China, continued pre-eminence in IT, and a high-tech welfare safety-net for the hundreds of millions left behind by all this." But not all are so bullish about India.

The Financial Times in an article, 'Demographics: Indian workers are not ready to seize the baton', believes that India's bad infrastructure and poorly skilled workforce will impede its growth.

RAND Corporation's report, 'China and India, 2025, A Comparative Assessment,' commissioned by the U.S. Secretary of Defense endorses this view as does the 2018 report, 'An Indian Economic Strategy to 2035', released by the Australian government and another on India from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) titled, "Going for Growth". Their pessimism may be overstated and even outdated today. It is possible that McKinsey & Company and Deloitte are seeing something many others are missing out on.

'India: an open society'

There is so much going on for India today compared to China, the only country it can be reasonably compared to. It is still a young country and in a much better position to transform itself compared to China of the 1970s. It is still an open society where mass protest matters and produces results. Indians have not been traumatised as Chinese were at the time of Mao Zedong's death and in the aftermath of two events he set off and which roiled China for decades – The Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution.

The IT technologies now available in India, and most importantly the Internet they run on have matured exponentially. Many things right from video conferencing to instantaneous payments and satellite imaging are getting better and cheaper by the day.

Thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, we know these can revolutionise learning and transform Indian society at an astonishingly low cost, unimaginable through much of China's economic liberalisation.

Creaky and inadequate as they are, India's administrative systems manage to deliver and its infrastructure is in far better shape today than it was for China at the start of its reforms. Nor did India impose the equivalent of China's one child policy that has seen China suffer the consequences of a prematurely ageing society with a skewed gender ratio.

Deep divide in China

India does not have a Hukou system which in China tethers rural folk to rural parts creating a deep divide between a small and prosperous urban China and a much larger, very deprived rural China about which the world knows so little about.

As Scott Rozelle at Stanford University's Centre on China's Economy and Institutions, writes in his book co-authored with Natalie Hell, *Invisible China - How the Urban Rural Divide Threatens China's Rise*, "Thanks to the Hukou system disincentivising migration to urban areas, only about 36% of China's overall population is urban and fully 64% is rural (some 800 to 900 million people)." The huge divide between urban and rural China is, according to Rozelle, almost unbridgeable.

To wring the best out of its demographic dividend, India needs to invest massively in quality school and higher education as well as healthcare – sectors it has neglected for decades – across India on an unprecedented scale, literally in trillions of rupees between now and 2050 when it would have reached the apogee of its population growth.

India must seize the moment and not be incremental in its approach. Given the will it can initiate and see through a transformation that will stun the world, even more than China's has so far.

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Bring back the dhow route

Revitalising regional trade networks will help maintain peace and stability in the Indian Ocean

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A Chinese military vessel is scheduled to call at the Sri Lankan Port of Hambantota. The Indian Government, with their concerns for Indian security, has raised the issue with the Sri Lankan government. The Sri Lankan government is heavily in debt and distress partly because of the mega infrastructure of the Hambantota port and many other such projects. The Hambantota port is now the property of a Chinese corporation, having been swapped for part of Sri Lanka debt to a variety of Chinese entities.

China's interests in the Indian Ocean grew in the context of the 'One Belt, One Road' initiative. The OBOR consists of two components; namely the Maritime Silk Road Initiative (MSRI) and the Silk Road Economic Belt (SREB). It constitutes a massive geopolitical project that aims to construct landscapes to enable flow of trade and investment by 'promoting economic cooperation and connectivity' between Asia, West Asia, Africa, and Europe.

Centralising trade routes

In the last one thousand years, many emerging powers have frequently attempted to capture and centralise these trade routes, only to find that they finally end up dealing with the same merchant families of the Indian Ocean – families prospering in the Arabian Gulf, East Africa, the Indian Peninsula, Bay of Bengal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and other small island states.

For centuries, Indian Ocean navigators, ship owners and merchants were the custodians of all trade routes that crisscrossed their ocean. From the ports and harbours on Bahr Faris (Arabian Gulf) and down to the Swahili Coast on the west to the ports and harbours on the far east to Malacca. The Gujarat and Malabar Coasts to the Bay of Bengal on the north and the island states in the south of the ocean. Hundreds of ports and thousands of families were linked by navigation and trade, marriage, and love.

Being a Battuta and a Sri Lanka fan, I am now reading Ibn Battuta in Sri Lanka. His book, *The Rihla*, talks of his travels in the Maldives and all throughout the Indian Ocean trading ports, and is perhaps the best depiction of the port cities, types of vessels, cargo traded and merchant families of the dhow route's early days.

The Portuguese rule immensely improved the boat building capabilities of the Indian Ocean port cities, but of course took away the trade from the local families. The Dutch, the East India Company and later the British Empire went on capturing and colonising the port cities. The British colonial rule consolidated cargo in several bigger port cities. Britain's advocacy of free trade also gave opportunity for the local traders to freely trade within the Indian Ocean states.

The Indian Ocean ports

The resilience of the Indian Ocean rim ports and their hinterland is because of their smallness. Their small boats, dhows and dhonis, increased and decreased in tonnage depending on the trade available. Their navigators were master mariners with expert knowledge of the winds, currents, reefs, and shallows of the seas. Their merchants had a vast network of connection and trade credit ties throughout the Indian Ocean ports. Their political connection and the ability to influence state policy was and still is comparable to no other lobby group.

The recent Chinese attempts to consolidate the Indian Ocean trade routes under the road and belt initiative are yet to materialise. Host countries of the Belt and Road ports have gone or are going bankrupt, defaulting on their sovereign debt. Sri Lanka has gone into default, East African port countries look shaky, and Pakistan stands on the brink of sovereign default. Attempts to consolidate and centralise economic activities in hub ports remain a series of white elephants, dotted throughout the Indian Ocean rim countries, while the debt of the nonperforming infrastructure breaks local economies and livelihoods.

There might be an argument for economies of scale and mega ports. This argument rarely holds water when robust small units with more flexibility and agility produce more inclusive and sustainable returns. Attempts to restructure the debt of the Indian Ocean port cities and proceed with the same mega infrastructure programmes must not be the future vision of the Indian Ocean states.

In one form or another, the Indian Ocean states still maintain their maritime heritage. National and private shipping lines are plenty. Commodities to trade are in abundance. Ship type, wind and fuel hybrid propulsion can bring in more efficiencies. Revitalising regional trade networks will be for the advantage of not only the port city economies in distress but also to maintain peace and stability in the Indian Ocean.

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STATE OF PLAY

More than what meets the eye

The opposition to the draft eco-sensitive areas notification has more to do with vested interests

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Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai was swift in his action on the draft notification of ecologically sensitive areas (ESA) in the Western Ghats region. With the Assembly elections nine months away, the ESA's potential impact on poll prospects pushed his Cabinet to take a stand opposing the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. There was immense pressure from his Cabinet colleagues and legislators representing the areas that form the proposed ESA, cutting across parties.

Mr. Bommai took a delegation to the Minister of MoEF, Bhupender Yadav, in New Delhi and later announced that there was no question of implementing it. For the last 10 years, successive governments have opposed the recommendations of the High-Level Working Group headed by Dr. K. Kasturirangan on the ESA. This is the fifth notification issued by the MoEF.

The Western Ghats are spread across six States – Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat. Karnataka has the largest ESA of 20,668 sq. km, as proposed in the draft notification. The area is spread over 1,572 villages across 10 districts. The notification proposes to completely ban mining activities and red-category industries in the area. New townships with 50 hectares of land or 1.5 lakh sq. metre of built-up area are prohibited. Hydropower projects and industries under the orange category are allowed after ensuring compliance with environmental regulations. There is no restriction on repair, extension or renovation of houses. All existing healthcare establishments can continue. The MoEF has made it clear that nobody would be evicted or relocated.

Every time a notification is issued, large sections of farmers, planters, and elected representatives oppose it. Their apprehensions are for varied reasons. Several villages in the hilly Malnad region have not got proper roads and access to electricity due to prevailing restrictions on cutting trees and laying roads in the forest area. As getting basic amenities had been a Herculean task under the existing rules, they are worried that the fresh notifications might worsen their situation.

Though elected representatives echo these sentiments, the real reason for their opposition is perceived to be the restriction on sand mining and quarrying that the notification proposes, considering that many politicians are into these trades.

Environmentalists, who are in favour of the implementation of the notification, allege that politicians are misleading the public by spreading wrong information only to serve their vested interests. They also maintain that as the notification would not allow mega development projects in the ESA, politicians are worried about "losing their income" through kickbacks.

Several parts of the Malnad region have witnessed large-scale landslides during heavy rains in recent years. The environmentalists want the State to take appropriate steps for the conservation of the Western Ghats and they argue that implementation of the notification is crucial.

Fears over the ESA also stem from ignorance, as a majority of people in the villages listed in the notification are clueless about its contours. Many could not go through these documents because they were not available in the local language. There were hardly any meetings by the elected representatives or the government to spread awareness on the issue. There has been no effort to consult people at the grassroot level before taking a stand on the issue, which makes the politicians' virulent opposition to the ESA even more suspicious.

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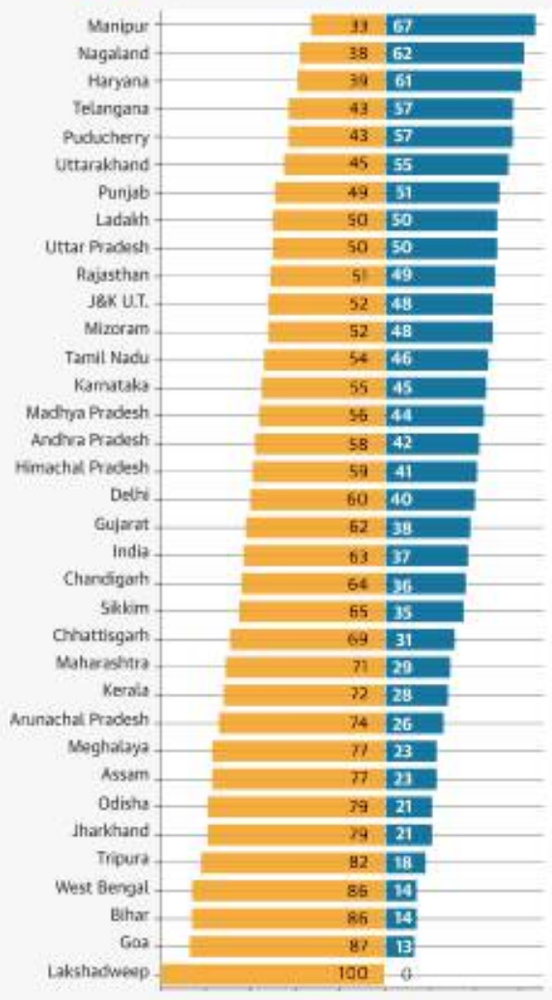
DATA POINT

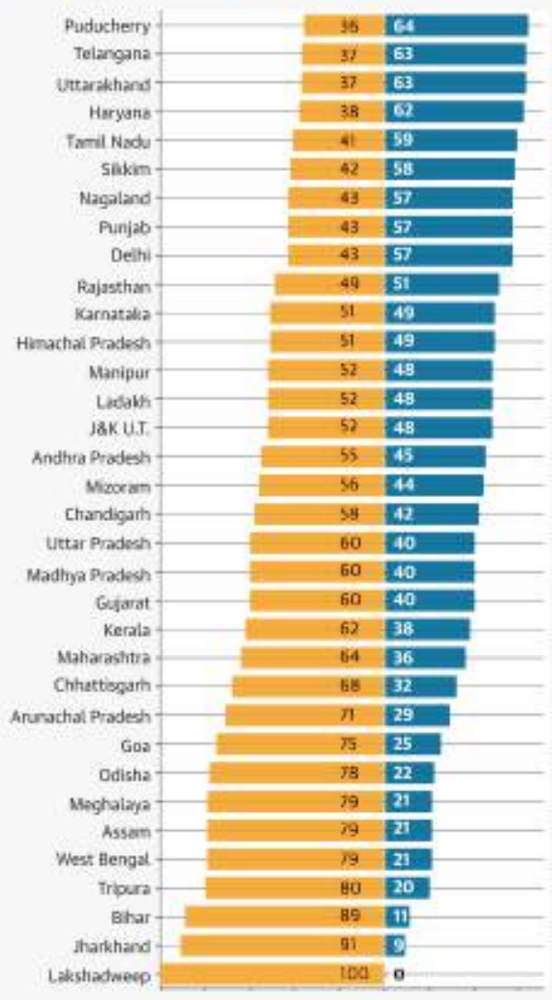
A push towards private schooling

Presently, close to 63% of students in India are part of government/government-aided schools, with the rest getting educated in private institutions. In only seven States — Manipur, Nagaland, Haryana, Telangana, Puducherry, Uttarakhand and Punjab — of the 34 States/U.T.s analysed, the share of private school students was higher. However, in the recent years, there seems to be a slight push towards private schooling even in States which have a high share of public school students. In ten States — Puducherry, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Punjab, Nagaland, Delhi and Rajasthan — more than 50% of new admissions in the last two years were in private schools. Of these, Delhi, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu have a higher share of public school students currently. Moreover, in States such as Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, which have an almost equal share of private and public school goers, over 5,000 and 500 new applications were received, respectively, for opening private-unaided schools. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

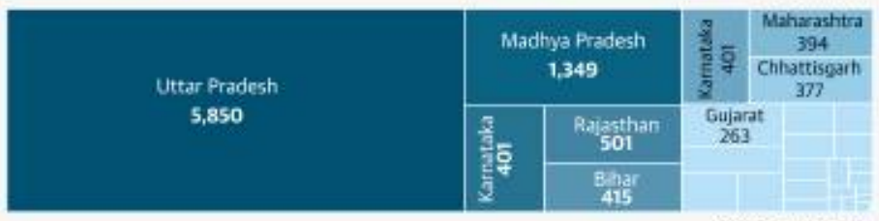
SHARE OF PRESENT STUDENTS | The graph shows the **% of students studying** in govt./govt.-aided schools, and private schools as of FY21



SHARE OF NEW ADMISSIONS | The graph shows the **% of new admissions** in govt./govt.-aided schools and private schools in FY20 and FY21



NEW APPLICATIONS
The graph shows the number of new applications received for opening private-unaided schools. Uttar Pradesh received 5,850 applications



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 4, 1972

U.S. Senate cuts off Vietnam funds

Washington, August 3: The U.S. Senate last night passed unprecedented legislation cutting off funds for future American military involvement in Vietnam, provided American prisoners of war are released and men listed as missing in action are accounted for. It was the first time either House of Congress has passed legislation containing such a measure. The rejection of the Nixon administration's Vietnam policies came in a series of eight roll calls, with the key vote only 49 to 47 for the troop withdrawal amendment. The bipartisan group of war critics in the Senate finally nailed down their victory 51-46 in defeating a series of motions to reconsider the vote. They added the anti-war measure to a $20,522 million Defence Department Weapons Procurement Bill containing funds to purchase a wide range of military hardware. Finally, the Senate passed the amended Bill by 92 votes to 5. The troop withdrawal measure must still survive a joint conference committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives which will work out a final version of the spending Bill. Last night's Senate action, however, was regarded by 'doves' as a major victory. Shortly before passing the Bill, the Senate modified the troop withdrawal measure slightly to make North Vietnamese accounting of men missing in action a requirement for a complete American withdrawal. The vote on this condition was 95-2. Before the final passage of the Bill, the Senate defeated 59-38 a motion by Senator Robert Dole, the Republican National Committee Chairman, declaring that Congress should assume full responsibility for the consequences of the anti-war amendment. Unlike previous anti-war amendments, the measure approved last night invokes congressional "power of the purse".

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 4, 1922

Racial arrogance in Durban

Simla, August 3: The Durban message relating to the fining of Rustomjee and Manilal Gandhi also says: Learn sacred shirt and cord worn by Rustomji, according to the religion of Parsees taken away by prison authorities. Meeting of Indian community appeal Indian Government to make representations to Union Government for restoration of sacred shirt and cord to Rustomji and for removal of racial restrictions at the time of departure of Indian boats."

FROM PAGE ONE

SC calls for a panel to look into freebies issue

The court said the government as well as organisations such as the Niti Aayog, the Finance Commission of India, the Law Commission, the Reserve Bank of India, Opposition, etc., have to be involved in the process of brainstorming on the problem of freebies and come up with constructive conclusions on the issue.

Senior advocate Vikas Singh, for petitioner Ashwini Upadhyay, said political parties and those in power in States riddled by debts should first come out in public about where they would source the money for paying for the largesse.

"It needs to be revealed from whose pockets these freebies are paid for," Mr. Singh submitted.

"A poor person feels that what is put in his left pocket would be taken out of his right pocket in a few years," Mr. Mehta joined in.

Chief Justice Ramana said ordinary citizens pay taxes on the belief that their money would be used for progress.

"State benefits should not just reach the rich. The poor are also entitled to benefits," the CJI said.

Mr. Singh suggested that ECI could prepare a "model manifesto" to control freebies. Chief Justice Ramana retorted that if the ECI had taken up the issue, the court would not have had to intervene now. The court said its judgments against violence during elections continued to be ignored.

India to host UNSC meet on counterterrorism

Meeting in October to bring representatives of 15 countries, including China and Russia, for talks on emerging threats

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

In a first, India will host diplomats and officials from all 15 countries of the United Nations Security Council, including China, Russia and the U.S., for a special meeting on terrorism, in Delhi and Mumbai in October.

The meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), which India is chairing for 2022 as a member of the UNSC, will focus particularly on challenges such as terrorism financing, cyber-threats and the use of drones, said officials.

New Delhi is expected to highlight cross-border threats from Pakistan and Afghanistan at the meeting, which will come two months before India completes its tenure as an elected member of the UNSC (2021-22). In addition, India has been pushing for the UN members to adopt a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (first proposed in 1996), which is likely to be raised during the meeting.

"The event will showcase India's role as a victim of terrorism as well as a country at the forefront of global counter-terrorism efforts," said an official involved in the planning.

Making a point: S. Jaishankar chairing the UNSC meeting on counterterrorism in August 2021 in New York. • PTI

New challenges

Sources said that while terror financing was now recognised and dealt with through mechanisms such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), it was necessary to build templates and "codes of conduct" for newer threats, including financing through cryptocurrency and the use of drones for terror attacks. They said the CTC meeting in India could also pave the way for a possible visit to New York by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in December, when India will be the President of the UNSC for the entire month.

In August 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Modi had chaired a UNSC special session on Enhancing Maritime Security virtually, in which several leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, had attended. Officials said India's UN Mission, where Permanent Representative Ruchira Khamboj presented her credentials on Tuesday, would be working on ensuring maximum participation at the event, in case the Prime Minister decides to travel.

An earlier plan to travel to Washington in December for the Democracy Summit to be convened by U.S. President Joe Biden may be put off, as the summit is likely to be postponed.

Announcing the visit of the delegates, the United Nations said that the special meeting had been convened on October 29 in India, in view of "the increasing threat posed by the misuse of new and emerging technologies". "The special meeting will specifically focus on three significant areas where emerging technologies are experiencing rapid development, growing use by Member States (including for security and counter-terrorism purposes), and increasing threat of abuse for terrorism purposes, namely (a) the Internet and social media, (b) terrorism financing, and (c) unmanned aerial systems," the UN said.

Officials told *The Hindu* that the details of the visit were still being finalised, including whether the visiting delegates would include Permanent Representatives or Ministers at the respective missions of the member states. The meeting, which is normally held in New York, had been discussed and planned since early this year, said sources, as part of the events to mark the 75th anniversary of Independence.

China steps up pressure on Taiwan

Ms. Pelosi, the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit Taiwan since then House Speaker Newt Gingrich in 1997, left Taiwan for South Korea on Wednesday following talks with President Tsai Ing-wen and an address to the legislature. Ms. Tsai bestowed on her the Order of Propitious Clouds with Special Grand Cordon, a Taiwanese civilian award.

In her address, Ms. Pelosi said the world was "divided between democracy and autocracy" and the U.S. "will not abandon our commitment to Taiwan and we are proud of our enduring friendship." That brought a sharp response from Beijing.

"The nature of her visit is not about democracy," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said. "It is an issue about China's sovereignty and territorial integrity...What she has done is not about upholding democracy, it is a provocation and infringement on China's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Ms. Hua said China "will do everything to uphold sovereignty and territorial integrity and all possible consequences will be borne by the U.S side and 'Taiwan independence' forces".

Asked if China would take further countermeasures, Ms. Hua told reporters, "We will do what we have said, please have some patience".

Beijing has already faced questions from Chinese social media users on whether it will take stronger measures to back up the public warnings that failed to deter Ms. Pelosi's visit.

India brings 30 Sikhs from Kabul

The evacuees were taken to Gurdwara Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji in New Delhi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India on Wednesday evacuated 30 Afghan Sikhs, including children, from Kabul. A non-scheduled commercial flight of Afghanistan's Kam Air brought the individuals from Kabul to the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport here with the help of officials and civil society activists.

According to civil society sources, who have been involved in coordinating the evacuation of Afghan Sikhs and Hindus, around 110 Hindus and Sikhs remain in Kabul which continues to face terror attacks.

The evacuees were taken to Gurdwara Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji at Tilak Nagar in the western part of the capital where they will be looked after by the World Punjabi Organisation, Sobti Foundation and other social organisations. The tickets for the evacuees were provided by the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar. The organisers of the evacuation said that there are at least 51 e-visa applications from the Sikh and Hindu communities that are pending with the Government of India and they urged for fast processing of these visas so that they could be airlifted to India.

Safe for now: People of Sikh community from Afghanistan arriving at the Delhi airport on Wednesday. • PTI

In June, an Islamic State attack on the Gurdwara in Kabul left two persons dead, including a priest of the shrine. The Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) claimed the attack and cited the controversy over remarks about the Prophet of Islam as the reason for the attack. The evacuation of the remaining Sikhs and Hindus intensified against this backdrop of additional security threats from the IS.

The Taliban claimed to have taken strict action against the ISKP but the latter has been successful in carrying out a few spectacular attacks.

Harbhajan raises attack on Sikhs in Afghanistan in RS

NEW DELHI

Former cricketer Harbhajan Singh made his maiden speech in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday when the raised the issue of attacks on gurdwaras and Sikhs in Afghanistan and expressed concerns over a "sharp decline" in Sikh population there. Mr. Singh wondered why the attack was happening on Sikhs only.

'Hope govt. incorporates all suggestions in new Bill'

100 changes proposed: panel member

A. M. JIGEESH
NEW DELHI

Chairman of the Joint Committee of Parliament on the Personal Data Protection Bill and senior BJP MP P.P. Chaudhary welcomed the Centre's decision to withdraw the Bill on Wednesday.

Mr. Chaudhary hoped that the fresh Bill would incorporate all the amendments and recommendations of the panel.

"All the recommendations are valuable for the Bill and for the government," he said.

Talking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Chaudhary said initially, the Justice Srikrishna Committee recommended a draft Bill and a group of secretaries looked into it and referred it to the Union Cabinet. "There are about 100 clauses in the Bill. The committee held 77 meetings and considered the Bill clause by clause. We made about 93 recommendations and suggested about 100 amendments," Mr. Chaudhary said.

He said it was very difficult for the government to introduce the Bill with so many amendments.

"We suggested amendments to almost every clause. If the government wants to bring a composite Bill by including all our amendments, then all those amendments should be introduced on the floor of the House. So I think the government has taken a perfect and right decision by withdrawing the Bill and bringing a fresh Bill by incorporating all the recommendations of the committee in the new Bill. It will be a proper Bill," he said.

Union govt. rolls back Data Protection Bill

"A new draft which will be in sync with the principles of privacy and Supreme Court guidelines will be prepared rapidly," Union Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, who moved for the withdrawal of the Bill in the House, told *The Hindu*. He said that the new Bill would fit into the comprehensive legal framework with reference to the suggestions made by the Joint Committee of Parliament (JCP).

Stating the reasons for the withdrawal, the government said "The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, was deliberated in great detail by the JCP. Eighty-one amendments were proposed and 12 recommendations were made towards the comprehensive legal framework on digital ecosystem. Considering the report of the JCP, a comprehensive legal framework is being worked upon. Hence, it is proposed to withdraw The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, and present a new Bill that fits into the comprehensive legal framework."

The JCP on the Personal Data Protection Bill had submitted a 542-page report with 93 recommendations and 81 amendments to the Bill in December 2021. The panel, headed by BJP MP P.P. Chaudhary, had recommended 97 corrections and improvements to the Bill.

Key discussions

The key discussions in the panel were based on whether the proposed Data Protection Authority should get constitutional status and whether the States should have their own Data Protection Authorities. The Opposition had alleged that the penalty provisions on fiduciaries if they breach or process data in an unauthorised manner were watered down despite their objections.

On the decision of the Centre to withdraw the Bill, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said there was pressure from the U.S. against the report of the JCP. "Both Ashwini Vaishnaw and Rajeev Chandrasekhar [the Ministers for Telecommunications and IT] were members of the Joint Committee. They are now Ministers. Perhaps their views have changed," Mr. Ramesh, who was also a member of the panel, said.

LS passes Bill to set up Gati Shakti University

First varsity after roll-out of NEP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which seeks to establish the Gati Shakti Vishwavidaylaya as a Central University, changing the form of the National Rail and Transportation University which is currently a deemed to be institution in Vadodara. The Bill also seeks to expand the scope of the deemed university from beyond the railways to cover the entire transport sector to support the ambitious growth and modernisation in the field.

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya would be a multi-disciplinary and multi-dimensional institute, and the first Central university after the roll-out of the National Education Policy.

"The plan is to unify different departments to create a new infrastructure where various transport sector elements – railways, road, waterways, aviation and port along with information and technology – will coordinate with each other on the platform of Gati Shakti Mission," Mr. Pradhan said. The proposed global standard institute aimed at not producing job-seekers but job-creators, he added.

The establishment of the Vishwavidyalaya would address the need of talent in the strategically important and expanding transportation sector and meet the demand for trained talent to fuel the growth and expansion of the sector, he said.

Suresh Patel is new CVC, two commissioners take charge

Murmu administers oath; Modi, Venkaiah present

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel was sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) by President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Wednesday.

Mr. Patel was officiating as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) since June this year after Sanjay Kothari, former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, completed his term.

"At a ceremony held today at 10:00 hrs at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Shri Suresh N Patel, was sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner. He made and subscribed the oath of his office before the President," a communique issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan said.

CVC Suresh N. Patel at the Rashtrapati Bhavan • PTI

The ceremony was also attended by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu and Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge.

Later in the day, Mr. Patel administered the oath of office to former Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief Arvind Kumar and ex-IAS officer Praveen Kumar Srivastava as the vigilance commissioners.

With these appointments, the Central Vigilance Commission is in its full strength now.

The Commission is headed by a central vigilance commissioner and it can have two Vigilance Commissioners.

Mr Patel, former managing director and chief executive officer of Andhra Bank, was in April 2020 appointed as the vigilance commissioner. Mr Patel's elevation was approved by a selection panel headed by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition (LoP).

Bill on energy conservation introduced

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Power Minster R.K. Singh on Wednesday introduced a Bill in the Lok Sabha that seeks to make it mandatory for buildings with a minimum connected load of 100 kilowatt (kW) to meet their energy requirements from renewable sources.

The Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill has provisions to establish carbon markets and empower state electricity regulatory commissions to make regulations for a smooth discharge of its functions.

Trinamool Congress MP Saugata Roy contended that the provisions were not sufficient to find alternative sources of energy and it seeks to make the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) a top-heavy structure.

Young Indian office in Delhi sealed by ED

According to an agency official, only the Young Indian office had been sealed temporarily as none of the company's functionaries was present to get the search done. The office is located in the Herald House building.

"The principal officer [senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge] came to the premises, but left without getting the searches conducted. Summons has been sent to the principal officer to get the search concluded," the official said, adding that the office would de-sealed as and when the authorised person presented himself for the purpose.

Days after recording the statements of Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul Gandhi – who owned 38% shares each in the Young Indian – the ED on Tuesday searched about two dozen premises. The move prompted a protest by the Congress workers outside the Herald House.

Vikramaditya to go for refit process again

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

Aircraft carrier *INS Vikramaditya* is undergoing its first major refit since December 2020 and is expected to sail out in the next couple of months.

"This is the first major refit of *INS Vikramaditya* and it should come out in couple of months," a defence source said. Once that happens and with Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) *Vikrant* set to be commissioned this month, the Navy will have two fully operational carriers for some time, the official noted.

The official said a ship or submarine, after two years of operation, goes for refit.

Case of intra-party rebellion: Shinde's lawyer

Face disqualification or merge: Sibal

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Uddhav Thackeray faction of the Shiv Sena said Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his loyalists have to either merge with another political party or face disqualification under the anti-defection law.

Appearing before a Bench led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for Mr. Thackeray's loyalists, said as of now Mr. Shinde has only "split" from the original party. A 'split' is not an exemption from disqualification under the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) of the Constitution. "You either have to merge or form a new political party," Mr. Sibal submitted. Senior advocate Harish Salve, for Mr. Shinde, said the anti-defection law was not a weapon for a leader who lost the confidence of his own party.

"The basic premise of anti-defection law is you should leave your political party," he submitted. Mr. Salve said this was a case of "intra-party rebellion".

Govt. likely to remove toll plazas on NH

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government is working on a toll collection system that will eliminate toll plazas and bring relief from long queues for road users in the next six months, Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said in Parliament on Wednesday.

"We have FASTags, but now we are searching for new options such as satellite-based toll system which will go through the GPS system installed in a car, debit the toll amount from the bank account. The second option is number plate, which will have a computerised system for collecting toll," he said.

Centre raises fair prices for sugarcane harvest

It is too little, say farmers' organisations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, at its meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Wednesday, has approved Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane for sugar season 2022-23 (October - September) at ₹305 per quintal.

The amount is for sugarcane with a basic sugar recovery rate of 10.25%. The Centre has also announced a premium of ₹3.05 per quintal for each 0.1% increase in recovery of sugar over and above 10.25% and reduction in FRP by ₹3.05 per quintal for every 0.1% decrease in recovery.

The FRP for last season was ₹290 per quintal with a basic recovery rate of 10%. While the Centre claimed the increase will protect the interest of sugarcane farmers, the farmers' organisations said the FRP is too low when compared to the increase in input cost and the increase of 0.25% in recovery rate is a blow to them. The Centre has also decided that there shall not be any deduction in case of sugar mills where recovery is below 9.5%.

General secretary of Maharashtra State unit of All India Kisan Sabha Ajit Nawale said the cost of production has surged due to increase in fuel and fertilizer price.

IN BRIEF

HC transfers Pansare case to Maharashtra ATS

MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday transferred the investigation into the death of rationalist Govind Pansare to the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad. A Division Bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and V.G. Bisht heard the application filed by the family members of Pansare through advocate Abhay Nevgi seeking the transfer of the probe.

AAP, JMM to support Alva in V-P polls

NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party on Wednesday announced its support for Margaret Alva, the Opposition's candidate for the upcoming Vice-Presidential polls. The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha also offered its support for her, with JMM supremo Shibu Soren asking its parliamentarians to vote in favour of the former Union Minister in the August 6 election.

Bengal CID says Delhi police blocking search

KOLKATA

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the West Bengal police said on Wednesday that its officers investigating the cash seizure from three Jharkhand MLAs have been stopped by the Delhi police from conducting a lawful search. The Delhi police would have to take the responsibility for any disappearance of crucial evidence, the CID of West Bengal tweeted from its official handle.

RS passes National Anti-Doping Bill

NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha passed the National Anti-Doping Bill on Wednesday after four hours of debate. Last week, the Lok Sabha passed the Bill, which is to make the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) a statutory authority. Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur said India could carry out 6,000 tests a year at present and the proposed legislation would help increase the testing capacity.

Cabinet nod for climate pledges

However, India's updated NDC does not include all the promises made at COP26

JACOB KOSHY

NEW DELHI

India ratified pledges made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Glasgow last November to accelerate the country's reliance on renewable energy to power the economy and be effectively free from use of fossil fuels by 2070. However, the approved pledges were fewer than those Mr. Modi committed to.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Mr. Modi, on Wednesday approved an update to India's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). Mr. Modi had laid out five commitments, or *Panchamrit*, as the government references it, namely: India will increase its non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW (gigawatt) by 2030; will meet 50% of its energy requirements from "renewable energy" by 2030; will reduce the total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes from now till 2030; will reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by more than 45%; and will achieve the target of "net zero" by the year 2070, when there will be no net carbon dioxide emitted from energy sources. A press statement, following the Cabinet approval, only mentions two of these promises, namely that India is committed to reduce emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030, from the 2005 level and achieving 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

Independent experts said that while the NDCs reflected India's commitment to sustainable development they were a climbdown from the ambition India had expressed at Glasgow.

"India's updated NDC does not include all the promises made at COP26 in Glasgow," Vibhuti Garg, Energy Economist & India Lead, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, said in a statement.

Madhura Joshi, Senior Associate, India Energy Transition Lead, E3G, said: "A reiteration of the renewables focus would have provided a fresh impetus for the renewables sector."

Net zero: India aims at putting an end to dependence on fossil fuels by 2070. • PTI

10 more Indian wetlands sites get Ramsar tag

NEW DELHI

India has added 10 more Ramsar sites, or wetlands that are of international importance, taking the number of such sites to 64, Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav said on Wednesday. The 10 new Ramsar sites include six in Tamil Nadu and one each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.

SC verdict upholding PMLA amendments dangerous: Oppn.

Joint statement by 17 parties expresses apprehensions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

As many as 17 Opposition parties, including the Trinamool Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party, issued a joint statement on Wednesday to express their "deep apprehensions" about the long-term implications of the Supreme Court order upholding the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) amendments.

In the statement, the parties said the top court's judgment would strengthen the hands of a government that "indulges in political vendetta" to target its opponents in a "mischievous and malicious manner" and expressed the hope that this "dangerous verdict will be short-lived".

On July 27, the top court upheld the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) powers relating to arrest, attachment of property, search and seizure under the PMLA.

"We place on record our deep apprehension on the long-term implications of the recent Supreme Court judgment upholding, in entirety, the amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, without examining whether some of these amendments could have been enacted by way of the Finance Act," the statement read.

"We are also very disappointed that the highest judicial authority, invited to give an independent verdict on the lack of checks and balances in the Act, has virtually reproduced arguments given by the executive in support of draconian amendments. We hope that the dangerous verdict will be short-lived and constitutional provisions will prevail soon," the Opposition leaders said in their statement.

On Wednesday morning, Congress whip Manickam Tagore had given an adjournment notice in the Lok Sabha. When the House assembled for the day at 11 a.m., Opposition members protested over a range of issues, including the actions of the ED.

In the Rajya Sabha, Mr. Kharge said he had given a notice under Rule 267 to suspend the business of the day and discuss the misuse of autonomous agencies such as the ED, the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Income Tax department.

However, Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu did not allow the discussion.

CJI's recommendation on successor sought

Justice U.U. Lalit is next in line

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana on Wednesday received a communication from Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju seeking his recommendation on the appointment of the next top judge.

Chief Justice Ramana is retiring on August 26, 2022.

It is now left to Chief Justice Ramana to give the Law Minister his recommendation on his successor. Justice U.U. Lalit is the senior-most judge in the Supreme Court now. Justice Lalit is in line to be appointed the 49th CJI as per the seniority norm.

The 'Memorandum of Procedure of Appointment of Supreme Court Judges' says "appointment to the office of the Chief Justice of India should be of the senior-most Judge of the Supreme Court considered fit to hold the office".

The process, according to the Memorandum, begins with the Union Law Minister seeking the recommendation of the outgoing CJI about the next appointment.

The Minister has to seek the CJI's recommendation "at the appropriate time". The Memorandum does not elaborate or specify a timeline. However, if past changes of guard at the top judge post were to be seen, the Law Minister had sought the recommendation and the outgoing CJI had sent his reply with a month to spare for the latter's retirement day.

The Memorandum says that "after receipt of the recommendation of the Chief Justice of India, the Union Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs will put up the recommendation to the Prime Minister who will advise the President in the matter of appointment".

Babul Supriyo joins Mamata Cabinet

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA

In a major reshuffle of the West Bengal Council of Ministers on Wednesday, eight new MLAs were inducted as Ministers in the government headed by Mamata Banerjee. Five new Cabinet Ministers, including Babul Supriyo, were sworn in at the Raj Bhavan. The new Ministers also included three Ministers of State. The Cabinet reshuffle was necessitated after Partha Chatterjee's arrest and the State government relieving him from the ministerial responsibilities.

Mr. Supriyo quit the BJP in September 2021. He was elected from the Ballygunge Assembly seat on the Trinamool Congress ticket in April 2022. The four other Cabinet Ministers sworn in are Snehasish Chakraborty, Partha Bhowmick, Udayan Guha and Pradip Majumdar.

Man lynched in M.P. over suspicion of cattle smuggling

Two injured in the mob attack at Narmadapuram

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

RAIPUR

A 50-year-old man was beaten to death by a mob on suspicion of cattle smuggling in Narmadapuram district of Madhya Pradesh in the early hours of Wednesday. Two men were injured in the attack. All three are from Amravati in Maharashtra.

Lala, one of the injured men, told presspersons that the deceased, Nazir Ahmed, Mushtaq and he were transporting cattle from Nandanbada village to Amravati to sell the animals at a cattle market there.

They were waylaid and attacked by a large group of people at Barakhad village of Seoni Malwa, he alleged.

"They forced us to stop the vehicle and thrashed us. The beating stopped after the police arrived and we were taken to a hospital for treatment. Nazir died of his injuries," he added.

Superintendent of Police, Narmadapuram, Gurkaran Singh said the incident took place around half past midnight. While Lala did not specify the number of people who had assaulted them, Mr. Singh said there were 10 to 12 in the group.

He said the victims were illegally transporting cattle.

The police have arrested four youth, all from Barakhad and neighbouring villages of Seoni Malwa, in connection with the murder and were investigating if there was a conspiracy.

"They have been identified as Gaurav Yadav, Raju Lodhi, Akash Bathaw and Akash Sarathe. They are aged between 25 and 30," Mr. Singh said.

He said that, so far, there was no evidence of the attackers being linked to any political outfit or cow vigilante groups, but an investigation was on.

The police have slapped a separate case on the injured under the Madhya Pradesh Govansh Vadh Pratishedh Adhiniyam, 2004, that prohibits "illegal cow transportation".

Contrary to Lala's claim that they had received the animals from local villagers in Nandanbada, close to the site of the attack, the police said there was no evidence of any such transaction and they suspected that the three men had picked up stray cattle.

Lala denied that they were taking the animals to an abattoir, and said that they wanted to sell the animals at a cattle market. He added that 30 animals had been loaded on the truck.

UAPA cases: low conviction rate in focus

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

Opposition members on Wednesday questioned the government in the Rajya Sabha on the low conviction rate in cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act [UAPA]. Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai informed the Upper House that according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, as many as 4,690 people were arrested under the anti-terror law and 149 people convicted during the same period.

Sandosh Kumar P. of the CPI said the reply given by the Minister was a clear indicator of the misuse and failure of the draconian law. The BJP's Radha Mohan Das Agarwal asked what steps were being taken to improve the conviction rate.

राजस्थान सरकार

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88ए, इंदिरा गांधी नहर मंडल, भवानी सिंह रोड, जयपुर

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Government of Karnataka
Administrative Training Institute
Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysore 570011
File no: ATI/155/EST/EST1/2022-ADMN-ATI
Date: 02.08.2022

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Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Mysore desires to fill up the posts on contract or deputation basis for carrying out various assignments in different disciplines/ areas. For further information related to the posts, job description and other details, please visit the below mentioned link. Application can be submitted from 05.08.2022 and Last date to apply is 26.08.2022.

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Web: **http://atimysore.gov.in/notification-2022/**

Sd/- Director General, Deputy Director (A & P)

DIPR/DD-MYS/MC&A/324/2022-23

Office of The Superintending Engineer
PHED, Circle Jhalawar
Notice Inviting Bid No. 04/2022-23

Bids for Augmentation / Retrofitting of various water supply scheme Chureliya – Prithvipura – Goriyakhera, Ghatoli, Sarda Panchayat Samiti Aklera, Kamkhera, Panchayat Samiti Manoharthana, Nanor Panchatat Samiti Bakani, Bislai, Kolukheri kalan, Panchayat Samiti Manoharthana & Madanpura Panchayat Samiti Aklera District Jhalawar are invited from interested bidders upto 21-08-2022, 18:00 Hours. Other Particulars of the bid may be visited on the http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and http://rajwater.gov.in departmental website.

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TENDER ALERT

1) E-Tender Notice No.CPC-06/2022-23: Engineering, Supply, Erection and commissioning of construction of 220kV SC line on DC tower from 220/33kV GSS, Bonai to Taldih Iron Mines of SAIL, BIM, Tensa (Approx length-43.180KMs) and its associated one no. Of 220kV feeder bay extension at 220/33kV GSS, Bonai on Turnkey Contract Basis under deposit scheme.

2) E-Tender Call Notice No.TW-IT/OT/04/2022-23: Supply of Microsoft Office 365 Cloud Software-as-a-Service & Implementation in OPTCL.

Complete set of bidding documents are available on the tender portal:**www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in**.

HIPR-18/2022-23
CAD-1347 OIPR-04011/11/0072/2223

Additional Chief Engineer P.W.D. Zone-II, Jaipur
PWD Campus, Jacob Road, Jaipur
Phone :- 0141-2226537 Ex.:299

File No- 915 Date- 22/7/22

NIB No-14/2022-23

Bids for 10 No. Works (8 Road works and 2 Building works) are invited from interested bidders upto 6-00 PM on 16-08-2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 10780.98 lacs.

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Managing Director,
TCGL

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BIRRD Trust Hospital, TTD, Tirupati is inviting e-Tenders from the eligible Manufacturers/ Firms/ Authorized Distributors for the work **"Rate Contract for supply of Spine Implants on Consignment case to case Basis for a period of two years at BIRRD Trust Hospital, Tirupati, NIT Roc No.TTD-104021(31)/41/2022-BIRRD** & Tender ID : **531915** in AP eProc. Portal. Date of Upload Tender on 04-08-2022 and closing Date : 18.08.2022. For details log on to website : https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in/& http://www.tirumala.org/ Contact No. **8639885454**

ROC No. PR4/13945/Adv. No.187/ PRO/2022, Dated: 03.08.2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Last date for receipt of applications is: 12.08.2022

DIPR/797/Display/2022 CMD, TNUIFSL

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
BUILDING (C & M) CIRCLE, MEDICAL WORKS, TRICHY

FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM / ITEM WISE RATE TENDER
PRE QUALIFICATION & PRICE TENDER (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
TENDER NOTICE NO.04/ 2022-23/ BCM/ MW/ TRY/ Dated: 02.08.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, sealed Tenders (Two Covers) are invited from the PWD Registered contractors in the field, for the following work and the same will be received up to 3.00 PM on **06.09.2022** and will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM in the presence of those tenderers or their representatives who choose to be present:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD
1.	Additional Amenities for the Construction of **College Buildings** in New Government Medical College and Hospital Buildings for the 150 MBBS Students at **Nagapattinam** in Nagapattinam District.	Rs.1462.00	Rs.7,41,000/-

Note: 1. Schedule available period from : **05.08.2022 to 05.09.2022 upto 5.45 PM**
2. The evidences on the minimum qualification criteria mentioned in the Pre Qualification Application should be furnished in Cover-I without any omissions at the time of submission of **prequalification tender** itself. Any Omissions in this regard will be summarily rejected.
3. Period of Contract, Eligibility of Contractors and all other details can be seen & downloaded from the website http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in If any changes/ corrections etc., to the tender details it will be published on the above website only.

DIPR/3609/Tender/2022 Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C & M) Circle, Medical Works, Trichy.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
BUILDING (C & M) CIRCLE, MEDICAL WORKS, TRICHY

FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM / ITEM WISE RATE TENDER
PRE QUALIFICATION & PRICE TENDER (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
TENDER NOTICE NO.03/ 2022-23/ BCM/ MW/ TRY/ Dated: 02.08.2022

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Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD
1.	Additional Amenities for the Construction of **Hospital Buildings** in New Government Medical College and Hospital Buildings for the 150 MBBS Students at **Nagapattinam** in Nagapattinam District.	Rs.3280.00	Rs.16,50,000/-

Note: 1. Schedule available period from : **05.08.2022 to 05.09.2022 upto 5.45 PM**
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DIPR/3610/Tender/2022 Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C & M) Circle, Medical Works, Trichy.

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Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-1977/03/2022 - 19600 Dt :- 01.08.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value of Work (Approx.)	Period of Completion
1.	"Laying of treated water rising main from MEIL pumping main to Wonderla Amusement Park, Kumbharabasta in the district of Khorda ".	₹ 67.38 lakh	03 (Three) Calendar Months

I. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding From	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar-751022.	Bid ID no - P&C/EST/ E-36/2022-23	17.00 Hours of 08.08.2022	17.00 Hours of 23.08.2022

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Corrigendum or addendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-procurement portal www.tenderodisha.gov.in as well as IDCO website www.idco.in.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar

CAD-1342: OIPR-14003/11/0090/2223

IN BRIEF

ED attaches more assets in YES Bank-DHFL fraud

MUMBAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday attached assets worth ₹415 crore in the YES Bank-Dewan Housing and Finance Corporation (DHFL) fraud case. The Central agency attached ₹251 crore of Sanjay Chhabria, a Mumbai-based realtor, and assets worth ₹164 crore of Avinash Bhosale, chairman of real estate group ABIL, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. According to the ED's press release, the assets included land parcels, luxury cars, apartments worth crores of rupees, equity shares and profits from a hotel.

Free entry to monuments from August 5 to 15

NEW DELHI

The Archaeological Survey of India on Wednesday announced that entry to all ticketed Centrally protected monuments would be free of charge from August 5 to 15, as part of the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*. The ASI order said no entry fee would be charged at the monuments and ASI museums to commemorate 75 years of Independence. Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy said in a tweet that the ASI had arranged for this benefit as part of the celebrations of the 75th Independence Day.

Search for missing Assam labourers called off

GUWAHATI

Authorities of Arunachal Pradesh's Kurung Kumey district have called off the search and rescue for the remaining three of the 19 labourers from Assam who went missing from near the border with China.

The labourers of a Border Roads Organisation (BRO) project at Huri went missing after escaping from their camp on the night of July 5. Inaccessibility of the locations, inclement weather, steep cliffs with deep gorges, and threat of venomous snakes hampered efforts, said Deputy Commissioner Bengia Nighee.

Assam to free convicts over 50 years of age

GUWAHATI

The Assam government has decided to remit the sentences of certain categories of prisoners as a part of the *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* to mark the 75th anniversary of Independence. The decision is in pursuance of a letter from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) specifying the categories of prisoners eligible for release from August 15 onwards. Order issued by Home and Political Department said men (60 years and above), women and transgender convicts (50 years and above) would be released if they have completed 50% of their sentence period.

Tricolour campaign with a Nehru twist

After PM promotes 'flag in the DP' campaign, Congress leaders add Nehru's image to the mix

DAMINI NATH
ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

Days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for all citizens to showcase the National Flag on their social media display picture, Opposition parties and leaders on Wednesday responded with their own twist. While the Congress changed its display picture to one of Jawaharlal Nehru with the Tricolour, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti changed hers to a photo with both the Tricolour and the flag of the erstwhile state of J&K.

Congress spokespersons took potshots at the RSS and its *sarsanghchalak* Mohan Bhagwat for not heeding the PM's call yet.

Mr. Modi had made the appeal during his *Mann Ki Baat* radio address on Sunday to change social media DPs to the Tricolour from August 2 to 15, to mark 75 years of Independence. Mr. Modi and his Cabinet members did the same on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the Congress's official Twitter handle and those of its leaders, including Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, displayed a photo of Nehru holding the flag. Tweeting the image, Mr. Gandhi said the Tricolour was the pride of the country and was in the heart of every Indian.

One for all: The *Tiranga* Bike Rally organised for Members of Parliament takes off from the India Gate in New Delhi on Wednesday. • PTI

Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary in charge of communications, said in a tweet that it looked like Mr. Modi's message had not reached "his family".

Those who had not hoisted the National Flag at their headquarters in Nagpur for 52 years, would they listen to their Prime Minister, Mr. Ramesh asked in Hindi, referring to the RSS.

Pawan Khera, the chairman of the party's media and publicity department, took a more direct dig, urging the Sangh to "at least adopt the Tricolour now". He posted screenshots of Mr. Mohan Bhagwat's Twitter handle and that of the organisation, which has a profile picture and the RSS flag, respectively, as DPs.

Responding to criticism, RSS publicity in-charge Sunil Ambekar, who is among several senior RSS leaders to have changed their DP to the Tricolour, said, "We are part of the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* and things will happen in due course. I urge people to celebrate this glorious occasion and not play politics on everything."

Reacting to the Congress's DP debut, a BJP source said Mr. Gandhi's "delayed adoption of the *Tiranga* campaign was perhaps a grudging admission of its widespread popularity and lack of a counter narrative".

Ms. Mufti's DP showed Mr. Modi seated with her father, former J&K CM and Peoples Democratic Party leader Mufti Mohammad Sayeed with the Tricolour and the flag of J&K in front of them.

"Changed my dp since a flag is a matter of joy & pride. For us our state flag was irreversibly linked to the Indian flag. It was snatched thus breaking away the link. You may have robbed us of our flag but cant erase it from our collective conscience," Ms. Mufti tweeted.

Motorbike rally

Union Ministers and BJP MPs participated in a motorbike rally, carrying flags from the Red Fort to India Gate on Wednesday. Flagging off the rally, Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu asked the the MPs to take the message of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* and "the emotional connection to the national flag to the people", according to a Culture Ministry statement.

BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said the Culture Ministry had organised the rally for MPs of all parties, but only BJP and other NDA MPs appeared to have attended it. Sambit Patra said even such an event had been politicised.

Partha Chatterjee, aide in ED custody till August 5

'LIC policies, partnerships uncovered'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

A court in Kolkata sent former Trinamool Congress leader Partha Chatterjee and his aide Arpita Mukherjee to the custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) till August 5.

Both the accused were produced before the court and the ED sought their custody for four more days. However, the court granted custody of the accused only till August 5.

Lawyers representing the ED said the agency had found four properties of which Mr. Chatterjee is a joint partner with Ms. Mukherjee.

A firm run by the two under joint partnership had purchased these properties, they added.

During the investigations, several LIC policies of Ms. Mukherjee in which Mr. Chatterjee is the nominee has also come to fore. Conducting searches at several properties of Ms. Mukherjee at Santiniketan in Birbhum district, officials were found to be engaged in work for several hours, even going so far as searching the garden by digging the soil in sections.

Partha Chatterjee leaving the court in Kolkata on Wednesday.

The ED had arrested Mr. Chatterjee and Ms. Mukherjee on July 23 in connection with the School Service Commission Recruitment scam.

The agency had also seized ₹50 crore in cash and several kilograms of gold from two residences of Ms. Mukherjee.

On July 28, Mr. Chatterjee was stripped of his party and ministerial responsibilities. Both the accused had told presspersons, while being taken for medical examination, that the cash recovered by the ED was not their money.

Vaishnaw dismisses Raja's 5G scam charge

Unsold bands with govt., says Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw dismissed former Telecom Minister and DMK MP A. Raja's suggestion that the recent auction of the 5G spectrum caused losses to the exchequer. Mr. Raja told presspersons here on Wednesday that the auction did not meet the expectation of up to ₹5 lakh crore, which was projected by the government. "But now the 5G has been auctioned for only ₹1.5 lakh crore. There is a huge scam in this," Mr. Raja alleged.

"I am shocked to see this coming from a former Minister. Many bands were not sold, what was not sold remains with the government. How does that become a scam?," Mr. Vaishnaw told *The Hindu*. Spectrum bands of 600 MHz and 2300 MHz remained unsold entirely, and Mr. Vaishnaw said this was due to the weak ecosystem of mobile telephony in these segments.

Mr. Raja said when compared to 2G, the 5G bandwidth were 10 to 20 times higher in cost and efficiency. "When I recommended only 30 MHz of spectrum to the TRAI, the then CAG [Comptroller and Auditor General] Vinod Rai said ₹1.76 lakh crore loss to the government. But now 51 GHz of 5G spectrum is being sold for less amount," he said.

(With PTI inputs)

We are under siege, says Congress

Party voices out against Centre as police surround HQ, Sonia and Rahul's house

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

With the road to All India Congress Committee headquarters blocked and a heavy police deployment outside the house of party president Sonia Gandhi and former chief Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday evening, the Congress alleged that the principal Opposition party was "under siege".

The security cordon was scaled up and multiple barricades were placed after Enforcement Directorate temporarily sealed the premises of Young Indian in Congress-owned *National Herald* office as part of its money laundering investigation.

A senior officer of the Delhi Police, however, said that they received an input from the Special Branch about the possibility of protesters gathering outside the Congress headquarters and that was why the road was blocked as a precautionary measure.

Locked & sealed: The Young India office was sealed by the ED as part of a money laundering case. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Vendetta politics

"The Congress is under siege. Delhi police has surrounded our HQs, and homes of INC President and ex-President. This is the worst form of vendetta politics. We will not submit! We will not be silenced! We will continue to raise our voice against injustices and failures of Modi Sarkar!," tweeted Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh.

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and party veteran Mallikarjun Kharge raised the issue on the floor of the House. The Chair, however, did not allow the matter as it did not pertain to the Bill under discussion.

Addressing a press meet at the party headquarters, senior leaders, including Mr. Ramesh, Abhishek Singhvi and Ajay Maken, said the police action was to intimidate the party for planning a protest against inflation, GST and unemployment outside the Prime Minister's residence on Friday. The police issued a letter on Wednesday, denying permission for the protest.

AMU removes papers on two thinkers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

Aligarh Muslim University has decided to drop papers on Islamic thinkers Maulana Syed Abul Ala Maududi and Syed Qutb Shaheed.

The decision came after some right-wing ideologues wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi against the "Jihadi Islamic course curriculum" being taught at state-funded universities, including AMU, Jamia Millia Islamia and Hamdard University. The letter that became public on July 27 was signed by 22 Professors and activists, including Madhu Kishwar.

AMU spokesperson Shafey Kidwai said, "In order to avoid the controversy, the university has decided to do away with the optional paper on Islamic thinkers, including Maududi and Shaheed with immediate effect."

This has created outrage in a section of students and teachers. "I have been studying and teaching Maududi for the past 50 years, but I could not find a single line that encouraged violence and terrorism," said Obaidullah Fahad, a Professor.

Student leader Mohammed Amir Minto said a Central university should not change its syllabus because somebody had written a letter.

Refund fee for admission cancellation: UGC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has written to all higher educational institutions, urging them to return without cancellation charges all amount paid towards fee, if a student wishes to cancel admission before October 31.

The commission has come up with the suggestion for the current academic year alone in view of the hardships parents are facing owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, a notification from the UGC has said.

Pandemic hardship

The notice, issued on Tuesday, said, "...in order to avoid financial hardships being faced by parents it has been decided by UGC that full refund of fees should be made by the higher educational institutions on account of all cancellations of admissions/migrations of students up to October 31, 2022 for the academic session 2022- 2023 as a special case. It is made clear that the entire fee, including all charges, should be refunded [i.e., there should be zero cancellation charges] on account of cancellations/migrations up to October 31, 2022."

However, in case of students who opt for cancellation or withdrawal of admission after the said date and until December 31, "the entire fee collected from a student should be refunded in full after deducting not more than ₹1,000 as processing fee," the notification reads.

The UGC has requested all higher educational institutions to comply with the request.

Health Ministry brings out monkeypox guide

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

During human monkeypox outbreaks, close contact with infected persons is the most significant risk factor for infection, the Health Ministry said on Wednesday, while releasing a one-page guide on dos and don'ts for monkeypox. It cautioned that healthcare workers and household members are at a greater risk of infection.

The Ministry has advised against sharing linen, bedding or towels with people who have monkeypox and washing soiled linen or laundry of infected persons with those of non-infected individuals. People should not attend public events if they exhibit symptoms.

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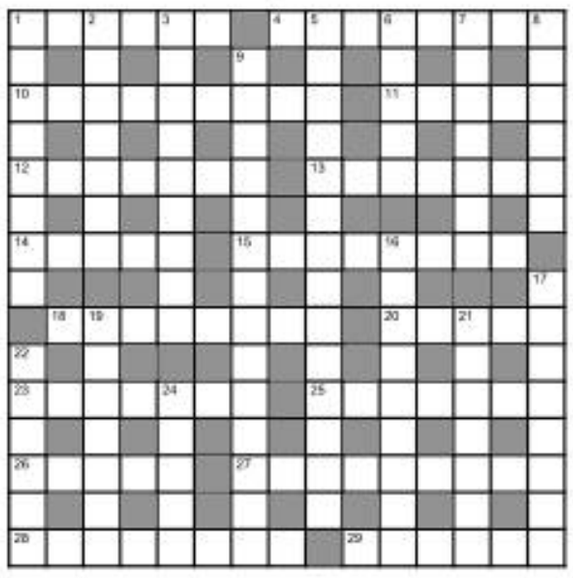
(set by Arden)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site @ *https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn*

SCAN



Across

1 Dream about capturing his heart, get respect (6)
4 Given electric cable, need to retain the bottom half (8)
10 Live with Redhead keeping alliance with Harry (9)
11 Got nippy, held back the horse (5)
12 Animal in a hay stack, part of habit (7)
13 Vault over one time capital city (5,2)
14 Republican party takes on a piece of music (5)
15 Jerk gets IIT admission, Japanese love it (8)
18 Man withstood devastation, but not this animal (8)
20 Representation on public transport (5)
23 Trouble with hard work? Drink rum cocktail (7)
25 Retail trading – allow middlemen in the workshop (7)
26 Simple to hide one in part of church (5)
27 Get Andrea to train a pet (5,4)
28 Union's colourful reminders (8)
29 Tried out top speed before approval (6)

Down

1 Under a pound – a characteristic of the fish (8)
2 Issue dogs the country, it's a curse (7)
3 As one is battered in defeat, try to find a solution (6,3)
5 Anarchism set in – awful for Tom, Dick and Harry, perhaps (9,5)
6 Starts off rather promptly in new plant (5)
7 Sinister men from top to bottom in this country (7)
8 Crowds had a run in with peaceniks (6)
9 National transport named Lokum (7,7)
16 He bullies people in the mountain tops (9)
17 Recycle, reuse it – last man in gets greedy (8)
19 "Follow a rule" you're told in rebuke (7)
21 Outlaw set up gang outside (7)
22 Racial undertones in Macbeth, nicely covered (6)
24 Order by Vatican, detailed and voluminous (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to puzzle 13625

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Self is the dearest of all

The sense of the term 'Self' is immersed in misconceptions and is only partially understood owing to its subtle nature. In the text Panchadasi, Vidyaranya takes up the discussion on the verdict of Yagnyavalkya which states that 'the Self is the dearest of all and hence is most loved.' The acharya puts forth a few counter-arguments that are likely to be raised against the import of this statement, and these are refuted systematically, pointed out Sri R. Rajagopala Sarma in a discourse.

The opponent's view draws attention to the kind of selfless love in many who show strong love towards one's near and dear. If the Atma is most dear, as the sage says, then how is one to account for the possessive love one has towards wife, son, wealth, etc? Parents make many sacrifices for the sake of the son. Family is important and a man spends his whole lifetime and energy to build his wealth so that his wife and family will live in comfort after his death. The opponent also quotes those Sruti Vakhyas such as, 'the father's Atma is the son,' 'one who bears a son has done what is required of him in this birth,' 'one can conquer all with the son,' etc, that lend support to his stance that the son is more important than the father. So, the Self is secondary to the son, wife, etc, as an object of love.

The acharya replies that the context of the Sruti Vakhyas has to be factored in when interpreting them. The term 'Self' is used figuratively in instances when one is compared to a lion or tiger to indicate the person's courageous nature. The difference between the objects compared is automatically understood. So, the scriptures do not prove the Self to be less important. In fact, the Self is the dearest and more intrinsic than son, wealth, etc and not secondary.

'Sri Lanka's hardships to persist till end of year'

The Government of India, under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, has given us a breath of life, says President Ranil

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka is in great danger and citizens' hardships will persist till the end of the year, President Ranil Wickremesinghe told Parliament on Wednesday, while yet again seeking support from opposition parties that are reluctant to join his government.

"We are in great danger. The country could extricate and be secured from that danger only if we all face this challenge together as one people. It is vital that the honourable members of this Parliament as well as the entire populace contribute with their own strength towards the effort of nation building," he said, in his first address to the House since being elected President on July 20.

Under oath: Ranil Wickremesinghe delivers his inaugural speech in Parliament on Wednesday • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The six-time Premier rose to the country's highest office amid an unprecedented economic crisis that set off political turbulence, as mass protests ousted the Rajapaksas, although their party still holds a majority in the legislature. While some in Sri Lanka see the senior politician's recent election as reason for hope, others accuse him of "protecting" the discredited Rajapaksas, and stifling dissent by targeting critics.

IMF talks

Outlining his plans, including a 25-year national economic policy, President Wickremesinghe said he expects to conclude the staff level negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) "expeditiously and successfully".

Colombo is counting on an Extended Fund Facility from the IMF, but the international lending institution has made its support contingent on "adequate financing assurances from Sri Lanka's creditors that debt sustainability will be restored".

Mr. Wickremesinghe said the government has "commenced" finalising its debt restructure plan in collaboration with Lazard and Clifford Chance, international financial and legal experts that Colombo hired for the purpose, after opting for a pre-emptive default on its $51 billion foreign debt in April. "We would submit this plan to the International Monetary Fund in the near future and negotiate with the countries who provided loan assistance. Subsequently, negotiations with private creditors would also begin to arrive at a consensus," Mr. Wickremesinghe said, even as economists in Sri Lanka warn that the process of negotiating a debt restructure is complex and likely long-drawn.

Meanwhile, pointing to a "shrinking" middle class and widening income disparity in the island nation, Mr. Wickremesinghe underscored the need for initiatives targeting vulnerable communities, but did not mention any specific economic relief programme that his government might implement in that regard.

As Sri Lanka awaits an IMF programme, which could take months to be finalised, the government has sought bridge financing support including from India, which has already extended nearly $4 billion assistance this year, and China. Although Beijing's assistance, totalling $2.8 billion, during the pandemic years was critical for Sri Lanka, it is yet to respond to Colombo's request for further assistance, apart from a $74 million grant announced in May.

Help highlighted

President Wickremesinghe made a "special mention" of the assistance provided by India, in Sri Lanka's efforts towards economic revitalisation. "The Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given us a breath of life. On behalf of my people and that of my own, I convey our gratitude to Prime Minister Modi, the Government and people of India," he told the House.

We'll continue to hold the line of defence: Taiwan

Tsai says the island wouldn't be cowed

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TAIPEI

Taiwan struck a defiant tone on Wednesday as it hosted U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, with a furious China gearing up for military exercises close to the island's shores in retaliation for the visit.

Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen said the island of 23 million would not be cowed.

"Facing deliberately heightened military threats, Taiwan will not back down. We will... continue to hold the line of defence for democracy," Ms. Tsai said at an event with Ms. Pelosi in Taipei. She also thanked the 82-year-old U.S. lawmaker for "taking concrete actions to show your staunch support for Taiwan at this critical moment".

China tries to keep Taiwan isolated on the world stage and opposes countries having official exchanges with Taipei. Ms. Pelosi, second in line to the presidency, is the highest-profile elected US official to visit Taiwan in 25 years.

Before leaving Taiwan, Ms. Pelosi also met with several dissidents who have previously been in the crosshairs of China's wrath – including Tiananmen protest student leader Wu'er Kaixi.

"We are in high agreement that Taiwan is in the frontline (of democracy)," Mr. Wu'er said. "Both the U.S. and Taiwan governments need to... conduct more in defending human rights."

Ms. Pelosi's delegation left Taiwan on Wednesday evening headed to South Korea, her next stop on an Asia tour. She will head to Japan after.

Trump-backed contenders win Republican primaries

Voters in five States choose candidates for November polls

REUTERS

Tudor Dixon, a conservative commentator who has echoed Donald Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was stolen, on Tuesday won Michigan's Republican nomination for Governor, as voters in five States chose candidates for November's midterm elections.

Tudor Dixon

Ms. Dixon, who received Mr. Trump's endorsement last week, prevailed over a crowded field of contenders, Edison Research projected, and will face Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer in one of the fall's most high-profile races. Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, another candidate backed by the former President, secured the Republican nomination for Governor, while early returns showed a majority of voters in support of protecting abortion rights statewide.

Mr. Schmidt will face Democratic Governor Laura Kelly in November in the highly competitive race.

U.S. President Joe Biden's unpopularity is weighing on Democrats heading into the November general election when Republicans are favoured to win control of the House of Representatives and perhaps the Senate.

Control of either chamber would give Republicans the power to stymie Mr. Biden's legislative agenda.

Destroyed foreign arms depot in Ukraine: Russia

Attack on Radekhiv, 60 km from Lviv

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOSCOW

Russia on Wednesday said it had destroyed a depot of foreign arms near the city of Lviv, in a rare strike on western Ukraine.

"Air-launched high-precision long-range missiles near the city of Radekhiv in Lviv region destroyed a storage base with foreign-made weapons and ammunition delivered to the Kyiv regime from Poland," the Defence ministry said in a statement.

The statement did not specify what types of weapons were destroyed in the attack on Radekhiv, some 60 kilometres (37 miles) northeast of the regional capital Lviv. The ministry said it also destroyed four warehouses containing rockets, artillery weapons and ammunition in the southern region of Mykolaiv and the eastern region of Donetsk.

President Vladimir Putin sent troops into Ukraine on February 24, sparking a conflict that has killed thousands, displaced millions and filled fears of a global food crisis over blocked grain exports.

After abandoning efforts to take Ukraine's capital Kyiv, Russian troops have instead focussed on capturing the eastern region of Donbas.

U.S., Indonesia hold joint military drills amid China concerns

Over 5,000 soldiers participate, which will last till Aug. 14

ASSOCIATED PRESS
JAKARTA

The United States and Indonesian militaries began annual joint combat exercises Wednesday on Indonesia's Sumatra island, joined for the first time by participants from other partner nations, signalling stronger ties amid growing maritime activity by China in the Indo-Pacific region.

More than 5,000 soldiers from the U.S., Indonesia, Australia, Japan and Singapore were participating in this year's exercises, making them the largest since the drills were established in 2009. The exercises are designed to strengthen interoperability, capability, trust and cooperation in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific, the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta said in a statement.

"It's a symbol of the U.S.-Indonesia bond and the growing relationship between land forces in this consequential region," Gen. Charles Flynn, Commanding General of U.S. Army Pacific, said in the statement. "Because land forces are the glue that binds the region's security architecture together."

Gen. Flynn and Indonesia's Military Chief Gen. Andika Perkasa opened the joint drills with a ceremony on Wednesday morning in Baturaja, a coastal town in South Sumatra province. The exercises will last until August 14, encompassing Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine drills.

The planned two-week drills opened after China's Defence Ministry said on Tuesday night it would conduct a series of targeted military operations to "safeguard national sovereignty" in response to U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to self-governed Taiwan.

Sunak vows to tackle extremism

Tory leader wants to add 'vilification of the U.K.' to the definition of extremism

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

With his campaign calling "Islamist extremism" the U.K's "most significant terror threat", Rishi Sunak, former Chancellor and candidate for the post of Prime Minister and Conservative Party leader, said he would widen the government's definition of extremism and scrutinise publicly funded charities accused of promoting extremist ideology.

Rishi Sunak during a campaign event on Wednesday. • REUTERS

Part of Mr. Sunak's plan, which was released by his campaign, was focused on the 'Prevent' programme, a government strategy to prevent individuals from supporting or becoming terrorists and adds "vilification of the United Kingdom" to the definition of extremism. Mr. Sunak's agenda also goes into extremism in prisons, including seeking to separate extremists from the general prison population.

Mr. Sunak's plan was announced as his opponent, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, continued, on Tuesday, to win the backing of Cabinet colleagues, including a former contender for the leadership, Minister of State for Trade Penny Mordaunt. Another former contender and MP, Tom Tugendhat, had already declared his support for Ms. Truss, who had also secured the backing of Defence Secretary Ben Wallace and Chancellor Nadhim Zahawi.

Also on Tuesday, the Truss campaign walked back her plans to cut public spending, after widespread opposition to them, including from her own party, when it became apparent that the plan to save close to £9 billion would involve pay cuts to public sector doctors, nurses and teachers outside the London region.

Polls of Conservative members for their choice of Prime Minister showed varying results. A new poll of 1,043 Conservative Party members conducted by YouGov for *The Times* showed Ms. Truss with a 34 percentage point lead over Mr. Sunak, with 60% of Tory members saying they would vote for the Foreign Secretary versus 26% for Mr. Sunak (margin of error +/- 3%), with the others undeciding or not planning to vote. A July 20 survey had 40% supporting Ms. Truss and 31% supporting the former Chancellor.

Support for Johnson

Forty percent of respondents preferred Boris Johnson to continue as Prime Minister versus 28% who prefer Ms. Truss and 23% whose choice is Mr. Sunak.

A poll by an Italian firm Techne, of 807 Conservative Party members, surveyed on July 19-27, showed Mr. Sunak closing the gap with his opponent, trailing Ms. Truss by five percentage points at 43% compared to her 48%.

Russia comes out in support of junta's bid to 'stabilise' Myanmar

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
YANGON

Russia backs the Myanmar junta's efforts to "stabilise" the crisis-wracked country and hold elections next year, its Foreign Minister said in talks with top generals on Wednesday, according to Russian state media.

The Southeast Asian nation has been in turmoil since the putsch last year, with the junta accused by rights groups of committing war crimes as it struggles to crush resistance to its rule.

Isolated internationally and with Western governments imposing sanctions, the military government has sought to deepen ties with major ally and arms supplier Russia – whose invasion of Ukraine it has said was "justified".

Russia – along with ally China – has been accused by rights groups and a UN expert of arming the military with weapons used to attack civilians.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH - 56)
FDP. No: 145/2019

BETWEEN: Smt. Usha @ Nagini, W/o Basavaraj, aged about 63 years, R/o No.2, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-20, and another ... Petitioners -Vs- Aditya, S/o Sringesh and Others ... Respondents

NOTICE

Defendant No.3: D.R. Veeresh S/o Dr. D.M. Rudraiah, aged about 50 years, R/o 1st Floor, 63/A, 7th Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-41.

Defendant No.4: M/s. Microgram Market Place, 63/A, 7th Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-41.

You the Defendant No: 3 & 4 are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and file your objections if any to the said FINAL DECREE PROCEEDINGS, on 17.08.2022 i.e., on Wednesday by 11:00 AM, failing which the matter will be heard and determined in YOUR absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

A house property bearing No.63/A, (Municipal No.63/1 (Old NO.135/A), in Ward No.58, 40th Cross, 7th Main Road, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-41, which is totally measuring 70' on North-South, 50' East-West, totally measuring 3,500 sq.fts., consisting of ground and first floor built thereon, having been granted PID-No.58-107-63/1 by the BBMP, Bangalore, and is bounded by, East: Property of Siddalingappa, West: Property of Sri. Ranganath, North: Property No.135/B, South: 40' Cross Main Road.

Given under my hand and seal of this 30.07.2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioner: Gururaj Joshi
No.401, Joshi Law Chambers, Ashrita's Ultima, Opp. to Hotel Hoysala, Sheshadripuram Main Road, Bengaluru-560020.
Mob. No: 9108913404

IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL, AT BENGALURU CITY (CCH 58)
OS No. 25418/2021

Between:
M/s The South Indian Bank Ltd
No. 10, Infantry Road Cross, BM Complex Shivajinagar, Bengaluru – 560001
Represented by its Principal Officer and Chief Manager, Divyashree K V Menon
.......Plaintiff
Vs
Mr Indukuru Bhaskar Reddy
........Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr Indukuru Bhaskar Reddy, S/o Mr Reddappa Reddy, aged about Major, No. 10, Kanakamma Building, Govinda Shetty Palya, Near A K Food Mart, Bengaluru – 560100.

Whereas the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for recovery of a sum of Rs 7,99,836.19 (Rupees seven lakh ninety nine thousand eight hundred thirty six and paise nineteen only) apart from future interest of 9% p.a., in O S No. 25418/2021 and the same is pending adjudication in CCH 58, before 57th Addl.City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on 28th Day of September 2022 at 11.00 am, to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 01st day of August 2022.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru-560001.

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH AT BENGALURU
(Original Jurisdiction)
In the Matter of Companies act, 2013 and the rules framed thereunder
And
In the matter of Section 66 of the Companies act, 2013
And
In the Matter of
CONNECTWISE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
CP No. 51/BB/ 2021

CONNECTWISE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
No. 31st Main Road
Mysore Income Tax Layout
Chandra Layout
Main Road Bengaluru
Bengaluru - 560 040
... PETITIONER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ORDER CONFIRMING REDUCTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

Notice is hereby given that, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal at Bengaluru by its order dated the 20th day of July 2022, confirmed the reduction of share capital of the above named company from Rs.24,91,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Crores Ninety One Lakhs Only) comprising of 2,49,10,000 (Two Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Ten Thousand) Equity Shares of INR. 10/- each to Rs.73,48,800/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred only) consisting of 7,34,880 Equity Shares (Seven Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty) of INR. 10/- each fully paid up.

Dated this 02nd Day of August 2022

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CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka under taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, No.1 H.R.B.H.L.C Division, Gorur Hassan District-573120

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION Tender Notification No. 12/2022-23 Dated: 03.08.2022
(Two covers System)

On behalf of the Managing Director Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer CNNL, No.1 HRBHLC Division, Gorur invites tenders on ITEM RATE basis from the contractors for works for general category contractors. The two cover tender procedure as per rule – 28 of KTPP Act be followed. The tenderers are required to submit two separate sealed covers, Ist Cover (Technical Bid) containing EMD with technical details of their capability to undertake the tender (as detailed in instructions to tenders Clause - I to XIV) and another containing Financial bid. The financial bid will be opened only if the tenderers are found to be qualified to execute the tendered work. The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified. The maximum approximate amount put to tender Rs 81.18 Lakhs Stipulated period of completion: 6 months Category of contractor eligible : for contractors of PWD Class-3 and Above. The contractors can request for etendering documents from 06/08/2022 11.00 Am in the web site http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in link etender document on payment (non-refundable) for work towards the transaction fee (As per E-portal). While applying the contactors can pay the transaction fee in the e-procurement portal using payment modes - I Credit card/Direct Debit/National electronic fund transfer (NEFT)/over the counter (OTC) up to 17-08-2022 up to 16th hour. Cover-I (Technical Bid) will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, No.1, HRBHLC Division, Gorur on 18-08-2022, Cover-II (Financial Bid) of qualified bidders will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, No.1, HRBHLC Division, Gorur after approval of Technical bid.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, No.1 HRBHLC Division, Gorur

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
TYPE OF CONTRACT: RATE TENDER SYSTEM - LUMPSUM CONTRACT
(PRE QUALIFICATION TWO COVER SYSTEM)

TENDER NOTICE NO : 13 SE/BCMC (MW) / MDU / 2022-2023 / Dt: 01.08.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD Buildings (C&M) circle, (Medical works), Madurai from the Registered Contractors of PWD for the following work noted below by the undersigned up to 3.00 PM on dated 07.09.2022. The tenders so received as stated above prequalification application only will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day. The tender schedule will be available for sale from 04.08.2022 to 06.09.2022 upto 5.45 PM in the Circle Office

I) Name of work: 1) Construction of Super Speciality Blocks in Government Medical College Hospital at Thoothukudi in Thoothukudi District..II) Approx Values in Lakhs+GST: 10194.00 III) E.M.D amount - Rs.51,07,000/- Executive Engineer, PWD,Buildings (C&M) Division, (Medical works), Tirunelveli IV) Period of Completion- 24 Months. V) Cost of Tender schedule +GST in Rs - Rs.15000 + GST VI) Eligible Registration of Contractors - Class - IA Money Limit above Rs.25.00 Crores .(State Level)

For further details and tender documents visit the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.tntenders.gov.in.

Superintending Engineer,PWD.,
Buildings (C&M) Circle (Medical Works) Madurai

DIPR / 3607 /Tender / 2022

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL D.K District
Mangaluru - 575001. Contact No. 0824-2220593 Email: dudc_dkd@yahoo.co.in
No:DUDC/Mun(3) /CR/53/2022 -23/186943 Date. 03-08-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Dakshina Kannada District, Dakshina Kannada invites e-tenders from Class-1 PWD Registered contractor for Amruth Nagarothana Phase-4 Projects works KTTP Act 1999 Rule 2000 as detailed below.

Sl. No	Description of work	Amount put to tender Excluding GST(Rs.In Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs.In Lakhs)	Tender Period (Excluding Monsoon)
1	Construction of roads, Drains, and footpath development work in Puttur CMC limits under Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 project (DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134675)	1491.53	14.92	12 Months
2	Roads, and Drains, improvement works under Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 project in Moodabidire TMC Limit (DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134718)	392.96	5.89	9 Month
3	Roads, and Drains, improvement works under Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 project in Bantwal TMC Limit (DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT134710)	431.62	6.47	9 Month
4	Roads, and Drains, improvement works under Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 project in Sullia TP Limit (DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT133522)	246.31	3.69	6 Month

For More detailed information please visit website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Calender of Events are as follows: Last date for Submission of tender: 05.09.2022 @ 5.30 PM, Date of pre Bid meeting: 18.08.2022@ 11.00AM office of DUDC, D.K+, Date of opening of Technical bid: 07.09.2022@11.00 AM, Date of Opening of Financial Bid: 14.09.2022@11.00 AM, Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-procurement portal and will not be published in newspaper

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, D.K district Mangaluru

DIPR/MNG/MCA/452/22-23 dt. 03.08.2022

MARKET WATCH

	03-08-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	58,351	0.37
US Dollar	79.15	-0.78
Gold	51,974	0.18
Brent oil	98.4	-1.83

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	807.20	4.90
Apollo Hosp	4310.05	-15.85
Asian Paints	3439.65	43.50
Axis Bank	730.50	0.05
Bajaj Auto	4003.45	7.25
Bajaj Finserv	15243.90	19.75
Bajaj Finance	7296.35	-45.55
Bharti Airtel	693.15	6.35
BPCL	333.90	-1.25
Britannia Ind	3770.00	-18.15
Cipla	1011.85	7.65
Coal India	212.10	-3.15
Divis Lab	3820.85	-4.05
Dr Reddys Lab	4096.30	10.90
Eicher Motors	3138.20	17.25
Grasim Ind	1586.85	-1.00
HCL Tech	957.20	6.15
HDFC	2368.40	15.10
HDFC Bank	1433.60	3.35
HDFC Life	535.35	-1.15
Hero MotoCorp	2801.90	30.45
Hindalco	414.25	-4.15
Hind Unilever	2626.35	-8.90
ICICI Bank	824.80	7.05
Indusind Bank	1058.30	-8.95
Infosys	1566.10	22.50
ITC	308.15	-1.80
JSW Steel	652.80	4.10
Kotak Bank	1851.10	-33.50
L&T	1789.80	-3.25
M&M	1253.70	-0.80
Maruti Suzuki	8959.45	-213.60
Nestle India Ltd.	19365.90	-92.90
NTPC	159.65	0.10
ONGC	135.65	-1.05
PowerGrid Corp	223.60	1.00
Reliance Ind	2606.35	21.70
SBI Life	1283.55	-1.65
State Bank	540.85	-1.35
Shree Cement	20956.45	-154.50
Sun Pharma	897.00	-20.35
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	812.75	1.15
Tata Motors	467.80	-8.45
Tata Steel	107.05	0.05
TCS	3139.50	47.70
Tech Mahindra	1052.65	20.05
Titan	2416.40	31.45
UltraTech Cement	6602.70	-48.60
UPL	731.35	-8.25
Wipro	432.35	2.75

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 03

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	78.96	79.28
Euro	80.48	80.81
British Pound	96.29	96.68
Japanese Yen (100)	59.25	59.50
Chinese Yuan	11.69	11.74
Swiss Franc	82.42	82.76
Singapore Dollar	57.19	57.43
Canadian Dollar	61.42	61.67
Malaysian Ringitt	17.71	17.82
Australian Dollar	54.74	54.96

Source: Indian Bank

Adani Transmission logs Q1 net profit of ₹168 cr.

NEW DELHI

Adani Transmission Ltd. (ATL) on Wednesday reported a consolidated net profit after tax (PAT) of ₹168.46 crore for the quarter ended June. PTI

'Services growth slides to 4-month low'

Business sentiment worsens with only 5% firms expecting growth a year from now, PMI survey shows

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India's services sector growth hit a four-month low as demand weakened amid inflation pressures, as per the S&P Global India Services Purchase Managers' Index (PMI) which moderated to 55.5 in July from an 11-year high of 59.2 in June. A reading of 50 on the PMI indicates no change in business activity levels.

While the domestic market remained the key source of sales growth, international demand for Indian services worsened further, S&P Global said, with new global orders seeing the sharpest drop in six months.

Gathering clouds: International demand worsened with new global orders seeing the sharpest drop in six months. • KSL

'Inflation still a concern'

Input cost inflation remained a concern for businesses, rising sharply even though at the slowest pace since February, as respondents for the survey-based index reported higher expenses on food, fuel, materials, staff, retail and transportation as the key sources of inflationary pressures.

Firms continued to raise prices to pass on these costs to customers, even though the output charge inflation came off a five-year high in June. "The latest rise was solid and the seventeenth in successive months," S&P Global said.

While job creation was negligible in services sectors across India, it was the second month in a row that new jobs were reported after a decline in employment numbers in May.

"The rate of job creation was fractional and broadly similar to June. The vast majority of firms left payroll numbers unchanged amid a lack of need to raise workforces," S&P Global noted.

While sales growth in July was dampened by fierce competition and unfavourable weather, overall business sentiment tanked further, with only 5% of companies forecasting output growth in the year ahead, compared with 9% in June. A majority 94% of firms predicted no change in business activity from current levels.

'Loss in momentum'

"In line with concerns that economic growth has weakened as we enter the second fiscal quarter, service providers signalled subdued confidence towards the medium-term business outlook," said Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global Market Intelligence, who flagged 'a noticeable loss of momentum for the Indian service economy' in July.

"Demand was somewhat curtailed by competitive pressures, elevated inflation and unfavourable weather. Both output and sales increased at the weakest rates for four months," Ms. De Lima observed.

Exports slowdown has begun, warns Nomura

'Windfall tax cut may aid oil exports'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The reduction in some of the windfall taxes on petro products may help resuscitate their exports slightly in August and September after a 7% drop in July, but a broader export downturn is already underway and will accelerate in the coming months, Nomura said in a report on Wednesday.

India's goods trade deficit widened to a record high of $31.01 billion in July, which Nomura economists pegged at $33.4 billion on a seasonally-adjusted basis. The firm expects a negative basic balance of payments situation for India in FY23, with the current account deficit (CAD) hitting 3.3% of GDP in 2022-23 from 1.2% last year.

"The sharp fall in exports in July appears to have been aggravated by the export taxes on petroleum products, which were aimed at tackling domestic shortage concerns, while also creating fiscal space on the margin," Nomura noted.

On Wednesday, the Centre scrapped the export cess on ATF and reduced it for diesel to ₹5 per litre from ₹11, while raising the levy on crude petroleum production by a little more than 4%.

"The export downturn ... will accelerate in H2 2022. Our newly revised base case assumes a recession in the U.S., euro area, U.K., Japan, South Korea, Australia and Canada, and growth slowdowns more broadly," they said in the report.

'Devise action plan to recover tax arrears'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

A parliamentary panel on Wednesday asked the revenue department to formulate a concrete action plan to recover tax arrears, estimated at more than ₹21 lakh crore.

The report of the Standing Committee on Finance tabled in Parliament said the revenue department seems to be "caught up in the vicious cycle to tax arrears", as about ₹18.68 lakh crore in direct tax and ₹2.95 lakh crore in indirect tax are outstanding in the form of tax arrears.

The committee also recommended setting up of an exclusive tribunal for settlement of disputes pertaining to the Goods and Services Tax.

'Advise States to enforce digital generation of DIN'

SC lauds Karnataka, Kerala on applying

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has directed the Centre and the GST Council to issue an advisory to States regarding implementation of the system of electronic (digital) generation of a Document Identification Number (DIN) in indirect tax administration.

The States of Kerala and Karnataka have already implemented it. The apex court appreciated the two States for that, saying it was "laudable".

A Bench headed by Justice M.R. Shah further impressed upon the States "to consider to implement the system for electronic (digital) generation of a DIN for all communications sent by

the State tax officers to taxpayers and other persons concerned so as to bring in transparency and accountability in the indirect tax administration at the earliest".

The order came on a petition to direct the States and the GST Council to take necessary steps to implement a system for electronic generation of DIN for communications sent by the state tax officers to taxpayers and other persons concerned.

SF Holdings Q1 net rises 30% to ₹41 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Sundaram Finance Holdings Ltd. (SF Holdings) reported first-quarter consolidated profit after tax rose 30% to ₹41 crore.

Total income rose to ₹19.98 crore from ₹18.55 crore, an increase of 8%, SF Holdings said in a statement.

SF Holdings primarily operates as a holding company owning a portfolio of automotive businesses, including foundries, wheels, brakes, turbochargers, axles and distribution of spare parts. As a result, dividend from portfolio companies comprises a substantial part of the financial results. It received dividends worth ₹40.20 crore from portfolio companies.

SpiceJet said to be in talks for stake sale

Promoter Ajay Singh, family hold 59.4%

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

SpiceJet is in talks with potential investors for a likely stake sale in the the airline, according to a senior airline executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"There are discussions going on because we need to raise capital at this point of time," said the executive. "We are speaking to various stakeholders who have interest," the official added.

The person did not comment on the percentage of stake to be sold. "It is too early to say because it all depends on the valuation," he said. The executive dismissed reports of a Gulf carrier and an Indian conglomerate

being among the entities in talks with the airline as 'speculative.' Promoter Ajay Singh and his family hold 59.4% shares. The balance is held by the public.

"The company continues to be in discussions with investors to secure sustainable financing and will make appropriate disclosures in accordance with applicable regulations," an airline spokesperson said.

IndiGo logs ₹1,064-cr. loss on ATF, rupee

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

IndiGo's owner InterGlobe Aviation, which reported its highest-ever quarterly revenue of ₹13,000 crore as demand for travel rebounded, posted a net loss of ₹1,064 crore in the three months ended June, hurt by high ATF prices and a depreciating rupee.

Total income at the budget airline surged more than fourfold to ₹13,018 crore, while total expenses more than doubled to ₹14,083 crore. IndiGo CEO Ronojoy Dutta hinted high airfares were here to stay and said while there was resistance to this from a small segment of passengers, they may get used to it when the lean July-September travel season ends.

SPORT

LIVE TELECAST

CWG 2022: Sony Ten 2, 3, Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 1.30 p.m. onwards
Netherlands vs New Zealand: 1st T20I, FanCode, 8.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12 a.m. (Friday).

IN BRIEF

Tahir and Jayasuriya enter BBL draft

MELBOURNE

Big Bash League franchises looking to bolster their spin attack will be spoilt for choice after South African Imran Tahir, Sri Lanka's Prabath Jayasuriya and Afghan Mujeeb Ur Rahman entered the draft pool on Wednesday. REUTERS

Germany too good for Indian girls

SPORTS BUREAU

Germany outplayed India 3-0 in the second league match of the World Junior under-14 tennis finals in Prostejov, Czech Republic.

Sai Janvi and Aishwarya Jadhav managed to eke out seven games between them in the first two singles matches. The Indian team put up a better fare in the doubles. India had lost its opening match to Japan.

"The doubles could have gone better. Our girls played their best, but it was not good enough. I am really glad that the girls got to experience the clear difference in all areas of fitness, and not just hear about it," said captain Namita Bal.

India will play Egypt in the last league match.

The results (league):

Group-C: Germany bt India 3-0 (Sonja Zhenikhova bt Sai Janvi 6-2, 6-2; Julia Stusek bt Aishwarya Jadhav 6-1, 6-2; Michelle Khomich & Julia bt Aishwarya & Sohini Mohanty 7-5, 6-2).

India wins mixed relay silver

The historic feat comes with a new junior Asian record

WORLD U-20

SPORTS BUREAU

At a time when the country is finding it difficult to put together relay teams for the majors, the Indian juniors won a historic 4x400m mixed relay silver at the World Athletics Under-20 Championships in Cali, Colombia, on Wednesday.

The team, comprising Barath Sridhar, Priya H. Mohan, Kapil and Rupal Chaudhary, put up a fighting display. Rupal, the anchor-leg runner, gave a bit of a scare to the USA before India won the silver in a new under-20 Asian record time of 3:17.76s (old record 3:19.62 clocked in heats earlier).

The USA was seven-hundredths of a second faster (3:17.69) in taking the gold, while Jamaica took the bronze in 3:19.98.

It was the fastest time by an Indian team in nearly

Happy bunch: Rupal, Kapil, Priya and Barath, who won the 4x400m mixed relay silver. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

three years and a lot better than the time clocked by the Indian quartet of Muhammed Anas, V. Revathi, V. Subha and Arokia Rajiv at last year's Tokyo Olympics (3:19.93).

First-ever

It was also the country's first-ever silver medal in the relay at a World championship and three of the runners in Cali – Barath, Priya and Kapil – had been in action in India's previous best result, a bronze in the same event at last year's under-20 Worlds in Nairobi.

Incidentally, Rupal (52.50s, first in her heat) and Priya (52.56, second in her heat) also qualified for the 400m semifinals in Cali.

Other Indian results:

Women: 100m: Avantika Narale (6); **400m hurdles:** Simmy (7).

Narain predicts long innings for Alonso

Says Vettel made the right call with respect to retirement

FORMULA ONE

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

Narain Karthikeyan's maiden season in Formula One, in 2005, saw Fernando Alonso eclipse Emerson Fittipaldi as the youngest ever World Drivers' champion.

All these years later, Alonso is still going strong. Only a few days ago, the 41-year-old Alonso signed a multi-year contract with the Aston Martin F1 Team.

Narain believes that the Spaniard has enough spark left to keep going for another decade.

"Alonso has a lot of motivation left in him; he is beating drivers half his age. It is incredible. He has left Formula One to do a bunch of other things like IndyCar, but he has always returned strongly to Formula One.

"He hasn't slowed down one bit. I don't see Alonso

Roll out: Narain at the launch event of Turtle Wax Car Care Studios in Bengaluru on Wednesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

going down for the next 10 years," Narain said, at the launch event of Turtle Wax Car Care Studios here on Wednesday.

On four-time champion Sebastian Vettel, who announced his retirement recently, Narain said.

"There is no doubt that Vettel is a great driver. Vettel made the right call with respect to retirement, as a driver tends to lose motivation when he moves to smaller teams."

It has been a decade since an Indian driver featured on the Formula One grid. Jehan Daruvala was tipped to be next in line, but an inconsistent show in the 2022 F1A Formula 2 Championship thus far has dented his chances of making the cut. After a bright start to the campaign, the Prema Racing driver has fallen to fifth in the driver standings.

Competitive field

"It will be a long wait (to see an Indian driver in F1). Jehan needed a very good F2 season with race victories, but that has not happened. His season has been average. There are a lot of drivers with big budgets and better results waiting to get that F1 break.

"It is a very competitive field. I don't see it happening for Jehan next year," Narain said.

Supreme Court orders AIFF to conclude elections by August end

Bench led by Justice Chandrachud agrees to 27-day election schedule prepared by the Committee of Administrators

GENERAL

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday passed an interim order to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to hold and conclude elections to its executive committee as expeditiously as possible and well in time for the Women's Under-17 World Cup which India is scheduled to host in October 2022.

A Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud agreed to a 27-day time election schedule prepared by the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA), represented by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, which manages the affairs of the AIFF.

Date of results

According to this schedule the results of the election would be declared on August 28/29, 2022.

The court ordered that the election should be conducted in a manner consistent with the provisions of Article 26 of the draft Constitution prepared by the CoA which prescribes the limits and conditions of eligibility for candidates.

The Bench noted that this would be an "interim arrangement" for three months. The interim elected body would not claim any equities and was subject to further orders of the apex court. The Constitution of the AIFF may be finalised in the meantime.

Electoral college

The court also agreed with the CoA's proposal that 36 eminent players who represent prominent football players' community should be part of the electoral college with right to vote in the AIFF polls.

The court agreed with the CoA's suggestion that while in future a National Players' Commission could be constituted from which these eminent players could be drawn, the players for the electoral college for the present AIFF polls, considering the current exigencies, could be chosen on the basis of their seniority.

The court said the players chosen should have represented India in at least one international match and retired two years prior to the date of notification of the upcoming AIFF election. It said the 36-member eminent players' representatives should be composed of 24 men footballers and 12 women players.

Guidelines

The court said that the inclusion of sportspersons in the electoral college and giving them the right to vote was consistent with the National Sports Code and model election guidelines.

"Let us have some players also in the electoral college... We are looking at the healthy development of the sport of football.

"Let us give a voice to those who actually contributed to the sport with their skill, their knowledge and their athleticism... How will a sport develop without its players?" Justice Chandrachud addressed the court.

He was responding to arguments that the Sport Code only allows states' associations the right to represent stakeholders and vote for them.

Wholistic understanding

"The National Sports Code cannot be read in the manner of a statute.

"A wholistic understanding of its provisions is needed to effectuate its intended purpose... In this backdrop, consistent to the need for the healthy development of the sport of football in the country, the inclusion of eminent players who actually represented India would be of immense benefit for ensuring the growth of the sport in a healthy manner," the court noted.

It further noted that the "minimum 25% voting rights" for sportspersons in the management of national sports federations was only an "indicative figure" and would be a matter of deliberation with the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs".

Mixed badminton team settles for silver

Sindhu's win over Jin Wei in women's singles the silver lining for India in the loss to Malaysia in final

BIRMINGHAM 2022 commonwealth games

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

The Indian mixed badminton team on Tuesday settled for a silver medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games as P.V. Sindhu – made to work hard for a 22-20, 21-17 victory over Goh Jin Wei in the women's singles – was the only silver lining in a 3-1 loss to Malaysia at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham.

Sindhu made good use of her height and reach to neutralise her opponent's cross-court shots. An overhead shot from Jin Wei, which floated off court limits, saw the scoreline locked at 10-4 in the first game before a series of unforced errors from the two-time Olympic medallist had the Malaysian hoping. To add to Sindhu's troubles, Jin Wei's drop shots started troubling her. Tied at 20-20, Sindhu used her experience seal the game with relative ease.

Falling short: The Indian team was no match for Malaysia. • AP

Nervous moments

The two-time Olympic medallist had some nervous moments in the opening minutes of the second game. She, however, kept firing into vacant spaces and setting up powerful smashes to ultimately get the better of Jin Wei, who she will play again in the singles' quarterfinals.

"She played well, and it is not going to be easy. I must be focused from day one... on my feet and alert all the time," Sindhu said after the match.

Earlier, India didn't get off to a good start as men's pairing of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty got bested by the Malaysian duo of Teng Fong Aaron Chia and Wooi Yik Soh 18-21, 15-21.

Ahead of the first mid-game interval, India and Malaysia looked at par with some intense rallies on display. The Indians later upped the ante with Chirag thundering a few body smashes. But just when India looked well set to take the first game, with 18 points and a three-point cushion, the Malaysians pocketed six back-to-back points, taking advantage of some sloppy net game from Chirag and Satwik.

Squandering the lead

A 43-shot rally saw Satwik and Chirag take a 3-2 lead in the second game, one they eventually squandered to finish 7-11 at the break. An interesting moment saw Chirag rush to get a change of racquets mid-rally and the Indians still managed to win the point. Chia and Soh, however, went on to clinch five match points and eventually the game to hand Malaysia a well-deserved 1-0 lead.

In the third contest, World No. 42 NG Tze Yong, who replaced Lee Zii Jia in the team, beat K. Srikanth 19-21, 21-6, 16-21 for the first time in his career.

Although Srikanth bagged the second game without much resistance from Tze Yong, he lost his way again in the final game.

"Have never seen Srikanth anna (brother) break down like this. I couldn't bear to see him like that. I just walked out of the hall. Even then I could hear the announcer, so I put on some loud music. I felt the Thomas Cup was easier than this. The Malaysians were in it with a winning mentality. It is just a matter of who is better on the day. We will come back from this," Rankireddy said.

Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand were no match for Thinaah Muralitharan, and Tan Koong Le Pearly as the Indian pair lost 21-18, 21-17 in the decider.

Both Muralitharan and Koong Le Pearly defended well in a match that had an average rally time of 11 seconds.

Gritty Tulika wins silver

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

Indian judoka Tulika Maan gave it her all but came up short against Scotland's Sarah Adlington in the final of the women's 78kg category at the Commonwealth Games here on Wednesday.

Tulika, who won two fights earlier in the day to reach the gold medal round, led for a major part of the bout before Adlington pulled off a decisive move, an Ippon, to win the gold.

A silver was still a creditable performance from the 23-year-old from Delhi who gave India its third judo medal at Birmingham. L. Shushila Devi and Vijay Kumar had claimed a silver and bronze in women's 48kg and men's 60kg respectively on Monday.

The only other Indian, Deepak Deswal, went down to Fiji's Tevita Takawaya in the men's 100kg Repechage event.

India's Mridul Borgohain won both his men's singles matches while the women's pair of Lovely Choubey and Nayanmoni Saikia won one and drew another in the lawn bowl event. Borgohain humbled Chris Locke of Falkan Islands 21-5 in the second round and then beat Scotland's Iain McLean 21-19.

India's discus throwers Seema Punia and Navjeet Kaur Dhillon disappointed as they finished fifth and eighth with below-par performances on Tuesday.

The 39-year-old Seema produced a best throw of 55.92m in her second attempt but that was not enough for a podium finish.

Navjeet, who has a season's best of 58.03m, could only come up with 53.51m in her sixth and final attempt.

Breezing through, but... Tulika got past Andrews in quick time in the last four before losing to Adlington in the final.

TOP INDIAN PICKS

Joshna and Dipika will be seen in action on Thursday.

A look at some of the Indian players/teams who will be in action on Thursday:

Athletics: Women: Hammer (qualifying): Sarita Singh, Manju Bala (2.30 p.m.); 200m (heats): Hima Das (3 p.m.). Men: Long jump (final): M. Sreeshankar, Muhammed Anees Yahiya (12.10 a.m., August 5).

Boxing (quarterfinals): Men: Flyweight: Amit Phangal vs. Lennon Mulligan (4.45 p.m.); Super heavyweight: Sagar vs. Keddy Evans Agnes (8 p.m.); Welterweight: Rohit Tokas vs. Xavier Mata'afa-Ikinofo (12.30 a.m., August 5); Women: Lightweight: Jaismine vs. Troy Garton (6.15 p.m.).

Hockey: Men (Pool B): vs. Wales (6.30 p.m.).

Squash: Women: Doubles: Round-of-32: Sunayana/Anahat vs. Yeheni/Chanithma (5.30 p.m.); Round-of-16: Joshna/Dipika vs. TBD (12.30 a.m., August 5). Men: Doubles (round-of-32): Velavan/Abhay vs. Reich/Chapman (6 p.m.). Mixed doubles (round-of-16): Dipika/Saurav vs. TBD (7 p.m.); Joshna/Harinder vs. Lobban/Pilley (11 p.m.).

Indian men crush Canada

The thumping win helps the team move to the top

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

The Indian men's hockey team bettered its already impressive head-to-head record against Canada to 27-4, flooring the side 5-0 in a Commonwealth Games Pool B encounter at the University of Birmingham on Wednesday.

Manpreet Singh and his men, with seven points from three matches, have now moved to the top of the group.

Vice-captain Harmanpreet Singh, having two of his early efforts from a penalty corner blocked, one of those fearlessly by an onrushing Brendan Guraliuk, slotted home in the seventh minute to get India up and running.

Three minutes later, a magical moment followed as Varun Kumar set Amit Rohidas up with a pass for the ages from the right. Amit, trapping the ball at the edge of the circle, dribbled past a clueless Canadian defence to extend India's lead.

Target practice: The Indians scored at will, slamming home five past a hapless Canada. • GETTY IMAGES

In the 20th minute, taking advantage of a goalmouth squabble after a penalty corner, Lalit Upadhyay dragged one onto the target, the ball palmed homeward by the goalkeeper's arm.

Gurjant Singh gave Indian fans more reasons to smile as he slid valiantly across the turf to tap home a cross from Hardik Singh in the 27th minute.

At the halfway mark, India led 4-0. In the 38th minute, Vivek Sagar Prasad opened up the Canadian defence from the right for Akashdeep Singh to hammer in the fifth.

India prevails over Canada

Finishes second in Pool A, meets Australia in semifinals

SPORTS REPORTER
BIRMINGHAM

The India women's hockey team finished second in Pool A with nine points to make the semifinals of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

In a must-win group game against Canada on Wednesday, it prevailed 3-2 at the University of Birmingham to set up a semifinal against Australia on Friday.

With a little more than nine minutes left, Lalremsiami scored the decider amid a goalmouth melee during a penalty corner. Unfortunately, she had to be carried out of the turf later, after sustaining an injury during a penalty corner.

About the semifinal, Savita said: "We are focusing on our performance. We believe in ourselves and that helped us during the Olympics. We will analyse their strengths and do what we can."

On target: Salima, right, celebrates with teammates. • AP

INDIANS' JOURNEY

Athletics: Women: Discus (final): 5. Seema Punia, 8. Navjeet Kaur Dhillon.

Badminton: Mixed Team (gold medal match): lost to Malaysia 1-3.

Boxing (quarterfinals): Men: Featherweight: Mohammad Hussamuddin bt Tryagain Morning Ndevelo (Nam). Women: Minimumweight: Nitu Ganghas bt Nicole Clyde (NIR).

Hockey: Women (Pool A): bt Canada 3-2; Men (Pool B): bt Canada 8-0.

Squash: Women (plate final): Sunayna Kuruvilla bt Mary Fung-A-Fat (Guy) 3-0; Mixed doubles (round-of-32): Joshna Chinappa/Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu bt Yeheni Kuruppu/Ravindu Laksiri (SL) 2-1.

Weightlifting: Men: 109kg: Lovepreet Singh (bronze). Women: 87+kg: 6. Purnima Pandey; 87kg: 6. Usha Bannur.

Ghosal claims bronze, makes history

It is India's first singles medal in squash

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

Breaking a long-standing jinx, Saurav Ghosal on Wednesday claimed India's first ever singles medal in squash – a bronze – at the Commonwealth Games here on Wednesday.

Dominant show

Ghosal dominated against England's James Willstrop, winning 11-6, 11-1, 11-4 in the bronze playoff.

It was Ghosal's second CWG medal, the first one being a mixed doubles silver with Dipika Pallikal in 2018.

"I thought yesterday he played even better in the semifinals. Years of hard work has led to this. It is a great day for Indian squash," said team manager Cyrus Poncha.

Earlier, the mixed doubles pair of veteran Joshna Chinappa and Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu progressed to the pre-quarterfinals, downing Sri Lanka's Yeheni Kuruppu and Ravindu Laksiri 8-11, 11-4, 11-3.

Sunayna Kuruvilla defeated Fung-A-Fat of Guyana 11-7, 13-11, 11-2 in the women's squash singles plate final.

Ghosal. • GETTY IMAGES

Nikhat, Nitu and Hussamuddin ensure podium finish

Y. B. SARANGI

World champion Nikhat Zareen and two-time World youth champion Nitu Ghanghas secured their first Commonwealth Games medals, while Mohammad Hussamuddin ensured his second successive podium finish to assure India of three medals from the boxing arena in Birmingham on Wednesday.

While Nikhat gave a commanding performance to beat Wales' Helen Jones 5-0 in a women's 50kg quarterfinal bout, Nitu thrashed Northern Ireland's Nicole Clyde to enforce an 'abandoned' result in her favour in 48kg. Hussamuddin warded off a strong challenge from Namibian Tryagain Ndevelo to record a 4-1 win in a men's 57kg last-eight match.

Aggressive: Nitu connects one on Clyde's face during their quarterfinal bout. • GETTY IMAGES

Nikhat exhibited her swift movement to step in and out of Helen's grasp and deliver a flurry of punches. Her well-directed head shots troubled the Wales boxer, who held her ground despite the onslaught. Nikhat's counterattacks helped her in the final round. The Indian celebrated her win by punching in the air and wishing her mother a happy birthday.

She will face England's Savannah Stubley in the last-four on Saturday.

In a clash of southpaws, the experienced Hussamuddin showed his good footwork and fast hands to get the better of his taller rival.

After getting a tough fight in the first two rounds, Hussamuddin banked on his endurance to land a bigger volume of punches in the third round and set up a semifinal clash with 18-year-old Ghanaian Joseph Commey.

In her first outing, 21-year-old Nitu – competing in a draw of eight boxers – confirmed the first boxing medal for the country.

Relies on agility

Nitu relied on her agility to inflict heavy punishment on her opponent, who got a standing count in each of the two rounds before deciding to retire.

Nitu will meet AMBC continental championships bronze medallist Priyanka Dhillon of Canada in the semifinals.

Lovepreet lifts bronze medal

The 24-year-old achieves a podium finish on debut

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BIRMINGHAM

India's Lovepreet Singh won a bronze in men's 109 kg to continue the country's medal rush in weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games here on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old son of a tailor from Amritsar lifted a personal best of 355 kg, including a new National record of 192 kg in clean and jerk, to finish third on the podium.

A steady Lovepreet improved from 157kg to 163kg in his final attempt of snatch to be joint second with Canadian Pierre-Alexandre Bessette. However, the intense competition got the better of him in clean and jerk as he slipped to third. "I could not have been happier. This was my first big competition on the international stage and I produced my best-ever show to return with a medal," he said.

Making it count: Lovepreet added to India's medal tally. • AFP

Hardik credits Rohit and Dravid for making the players feel secure

The India all-rounder happy about the positive mindset in the team

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BASSETERRE

India skipper Rohit Sharma wants the team to step away from what it had been doing for the past five-six years and has given the players security and freedom to express themselves, said star all-rounder Hardik Pandya.

"Ro (Rohit Sharma) gives you a lot of flexibility and freedom which is his strength throughout his captaincy stint whenever I have played with him," Hardik said after India's seven-wicket win in the third T20I.

"A lot of credit goes to him and Rahul Dravid the way they have got the team together and making sure a lot of positive mindset comes in and players are feeling secure; they are not looking over their shoulder; making sure they are getting ample chances; they are getting told as well if they are not playing, and that is something which is commendable."

The gameplan

"Credit again goes to Ro and the coach. We were all having a chat about how we should go about the slow wicket, do we still want to continue this style of play," Hardik said.

"He gave us the freedom, saying that you know what, forget about the results, we are trying something new, we are going to make mistakes, we are going to learn from it.

Try out everything

"But what we have been doing for five-six years, we are going to go away from that, and make sure that we try out everything and all options that are available, and when it comes to the World Cup, we'll know how to play." Hardik aslso heaped praise on Suryakumar Yadav.

"Surya is someone who is an exceptional player. When he starts playing... some shots which he plays, you just go in awe. Today he played an amazing knock and it was not at all easy," Hardik said.

Confident

Hardik said it was necessary for him to take some time off from bowling during his post injury recovery phase and he is now confident of chipping in as the team's third pacer during the T20 World Cup.

Exceptional: Some of Suryakumar's shots leave us in awe, says Hardik. • AFP

India to host Australia, SA

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

In its preparation for the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia later this year, India will host six T20Is, three each against Australia and South Africa starting from September 20. India will also host South Africa for a three-match ODI series.

The schedule:

Against Australia: Sept. 20 (Mohali), Sept. 23 (Nagpur), Sept. 25 (Hyderabad);

Against SA: T20Is: Sept. 28 (Thiruvananthapuram), Oct. 2 (Guwahati), Oct. 4 (Indore); ODIs: Oct. 6 (Lucknow), Oct. 9 (Ranchi), Oct. 11 (New Delhi).

Humpy and Vaishali give India 1 the sole lead

Gukesh's win goes in vain as India 2 suffers its first reverse against Armenia which noses ahead

RAKESH RAO
MAMALLAPURAM

Riding on victories of the ever-reliable K. Humpy and debutant R. Vaishali, India 1 whipped third seed and former champion Georgia 3-1 to emerge as the only leader at 12 match-points after six rounds of the women's Chess Olympiad here.

However, the much-followed India 2 suffered its first reverse against leader Armenia in the Open section despite D. Gukesh giving a dream start with his sixth straight victory.

Even India 1, ahead after P. Harikrishna's superb victory over the young World rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov, could not extract more than a 2-2 draw against Uzbekistan.

With five rounds to go after Thursday's rest day, all three Indian teams in the Open section are on 10 match-points. Armenia leads at 12 points, one ahead of the USA.

The Georgian women, winner over home teams in the two previous rounds, got the taste of India's firepower.

Great opening: Humpy gave India 1 a rousing start against Georgia. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Vaishali trapped Lela Javakhishvili's bishop and soon traded her rook for the bishop-pair. Before long, Vaishali launched a winning attack with the queen and a knight. Humpy seized her opportunity following Nana's knight-retreat on the 25th move. Her rook controlled the open central file after the exchange of queens, while her advanced queenside pawn hastened the end in 41 moves.

Gukesh added Armenian spearhead Gabriel Sargissian, rated 2698, to his list of victims in 41 moves. Abdusattarov walked into the opening preparation and Harikrishna suffered for 34 moves.

Meanwhile, following a second loss, third seed Norway's medal-winning chances received almost a decisive blow when Australia inflicted a 2.5-1.5 defeat. Though Magnus Carlsen won, the defeats of Aryan Tari (2672) to Temur Kuybokarov (2583) and Jon Ludvig Hammer (2638) to Bobby Cheng (2540) set up Australia's victory.

The results (sixth round, with match-points):

Open: India 2 (10) lost to Armenia (12) 1.5-2.5 (D. Gukesh bt Gabriel Sargissian; Nihal Sarin drew with Hrant Melkumyan; B. Adhiban lost to Samvel Ter-Sahakyan; Raunak Sadhwani lost to Robert Hovhannisyan).

Uzbekistan (10) drew with India 1 (10) 2-2 (Nodirbek Abdusattorov lost to P. Harikrishna; Nodirbek Vakubboev drew with Vidit Gujrathi; Jovokhir Sindarov drew with Arjun Erigaisi; Shamsiddin Vokhidov bt K. Sasikiran).

India 3 (10) bt Lithuania (8) 3.5-0.5 (Surya Shekhar Ganguly drew with Titas Stremavicius; S.P. Sethuraman bt Karolis Juksta; Abhijeet Gupta bt Paulius Pultinevicius; Abhimanyu Puranik bt Valery Kazakouski).

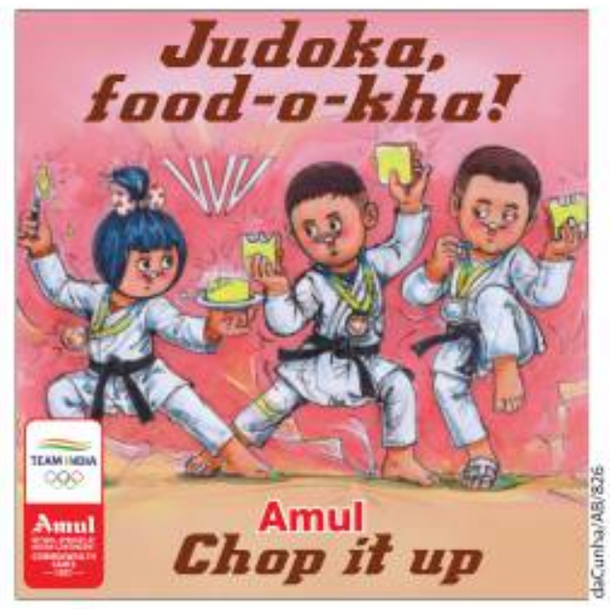
USA (11) bt Iran (9) 2.5-1.5; Cuba (10) drew with Spain (9); Poland (8) lost to Serbia (10) 1.5-2.5; Netherlands (10) bt Georgia (8) 2.5-1.5; Germany (10) bt Italy (8) 2.5-1.5; England (9) drew with Austria (9) 2-2; Switzerland (8) lost to France (10) 1.5-2.5; Australia (9) bt Norway (7) 2.5-1.5.

Women: India 1 (12) bt Georgia (10) 3-1 (K. Humpy bt Nana Dzagnidze; D. Harika drew with Nino Batsiashvili; R. Vaishali bt Lela Javakhishvili; Tania Sachdev drew with Salome Melia).

Czech Republic (9) drew with India 2 (9) 2-2 (Julia Movsesian drew with Vantika Agrawal; Joanna Worek drew with Padmini Rout; Karolina Pilsova drew with Mary Ann Gomes; Kristyna Petrova drew with Divya Deshmukh).

Australia (7) lost to India 3 (9) 1-3 (Julia Ryjanova drew with Eesha Karavade; S. Heather Richards drew with P. V. Nandhidhaa; Phan Ngyun Mai Chi lost to Varshini Sahithi; Nguyen Thu Giang lost to Vishwa Vasnawala).

Romania (11) drew with Ukraine (10) 2-2; Azerbaijan (11) bt Kazakhstan (9) 3-1; Serbia (8) lost to Poland (10) 0-4 Netherlands (10) bt France (8) 3-1; Israel (10) bt Germany (8) 3-1; England (8) lost to Armenia (10) 1-3 Vietnam (10) bt Hungary (8) 2.5-1.5; Bulgaria (10) bt Peru (8) 2.5-1.5; Denmark (8) lost to Spain (9) 0-4.



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Rain forces two race days cancellation at Bengaluru

BENGALURU: The Stewards of the Bangalore Turf Club have decided to cancel the Thursday (August 4) and Friday (August 5) race days due to heavy rain, rendering the underfoot conditions of the racetrack not conducive for racing.

However, the Bangalore Summer Million and Governor's Cup have been postponed to Thursday (August 11) and Friday (August 12) respectively. Further, it was resolved to frame a third extra day to be run on Thursday (August 18) and fourth extra day to be run on Friday (August 19).

A decent day despite reverse for men in the Open section

Gukesh's power and concentration unbelievable; great performances by Humpy and Vaishali

VISWANATHAN ANAND

Overall, quite a decent day for India but, of course, tough results for men in the Open section.

Hari struck with some very good opening preparation and seemed to catch Abdusattorov off guard. The young Uzbek, who beat Fabiano Caruana a few days ago was unable to recover, though he tried his best. That was a crucial win. India did put the pressure on their rivals at this stage when Vidit drew as well.

CASAGRAND
building aspirations

Much depended on Sasikiran, who had some chances in a counter-attack. But, the weakness of the e4 pawn spoiled that and Sasi eventually lost.

Coming to India 2, I am obviously elated with Gukesh's successful opening and especially his finish. The sparkling finish, I mean, it's just unbelievable how well he's playing and with what power and concentration he is playing. Unfortunately, the rest of the team kind of fell apart.

Not the best opening

Raunak, in my opinion, did not choose the best opening for his own style and very quickly got into serious trouble that seemed beyond repair. Since Adhiban also lost, that settled that match. So very tough for India 2 but like I said, it's just one setback and the rest day (on August 4) to follow. Hopefully, they'll come back.

India 3, a very convincing win. As soon as I saw the position first today, I realised India 3 was winning.

Among the women, great performances by Humpy and Vaishali. It was nice to win that one comfortably. India 2 was fortunate to draw 2-2 against Czech Republic after Divya Deshmukh, on Board 4, saved the day as all four games ended as draws.

Victory margin

India 3 won 3-1 against Australia. Nandhidhaa was putting a lot of pressure but eventually drew. I am happy for Varshini Sahithi and Vishwa Vasnawala for providing the victory margin.

Elsewhere, in the open section, Fabiano did a great job against Iran's Parham Maghsoodloo. It seemed to be equal for a long time, but in the end somewhere Fabiano outplayed him. So that clinches it for the US.

Obviously the story of the day would be Armenia. With all three Indian teams on the same score, there is everything to play for after Thursday's rest day.

This dramatic game decided the **France-India match on Tuesday** *(Diagram 1)*.

Diagram 1. •

Diagram 2. •

Diagram 3. •

Diagram 4. •

Diagram 5. •

Diagram 6. •

Diagram 7. •

Diagram 8. •

Vaishali had entered this position thinking she was winning, but is now facing the shock of realising she is **losing her rook!** *(Diagrams 2, 3 & 4)*.

She has the presence of mind to calm down and realise that Black's pawns **can't be stopped** *(Diagram 5)*.

Crucially her bishop controls the key square on b7, so Black's b pawn **can't be stopped** *(Diagram 6)*.

White stops the first one, but can't **stop the second** *(Diagrams 7 & 8)*.

White can't stop both pawns from queening. Draw for Vaishali and win for India due to Tania's win!

I want to become a GM soon: Nitin

The IM, who coaches Nigerian teams, is keen to make his chances count

K. KEERTHIVASAN

Twenty-nine-year-old S. Nitin is an International Master who has been waiting for a long time to become a Grandmaster.

After becoming an IM in 2009-10, Nitin got busy with education – he's an Information Technology graduate – and later a job in Southern Railway (Salem) made him quite occupied, unable to give full attention to chess.

His enthusiasm and passion for top-notch chess was rekindled when he finished second in the Chennai Open International Grandmaster tournament in June this year. Soon, when an offer to coach the Nigerian (men & women) teams in the 44th Chess Olympiad in Mamallapuram came, he gladly took it.

Not my cup of tea

But coaching for Nitin, who is still active as a player, "is not my cup of tea", but he is making optimum use of the opportunities.

The top Elo rating of the men's Nigerian team is 2313 (IM Adegboyega Adebayo) and for women's it's 1748 (Suleiman Azumi Ayisha), which is not great by any yardstick.

"I met the Nigerian team after reaching here [Mamallapuram]. So it was quite difficult at the start. Now they are getting used to me. I am training all the 10 players. It is not easy, but a new experience, nevertheless," Nitin told *The Hindu* here. However, he is all praise for the players, whom Nitin describes as sharp.

S. Nitin. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

"I am concentrating on their openings. Nigerians are very sharp and their natural instincts are very good. They know their chess. They had issues in the openings and I am trying to sort them out," he said.

Even as he is trying to get the Nigerian teams to perform to their best, he is focused on his own goals. "I want to become a GM soon," he said.

Bopanna & Middelkoop in quarterfinals

INDIANS ABROAD

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Rohan Bopanna and Matwe Middelkoop defeated Denis Kudla and Denis Shapovalov 6-4, 6-4 in the doubles pre-quarterfinals of the $2,108,110 ATP tennis tournament in Washington.

Other results:

$115,000 WTA, Lasi, Romania: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Beatrice Gumulya (Ina) & Olivia Tjandramulia (Aus) bt Paula Ormaechea (Arg) & Prarthana Thombare 6-1, 7-5.

$100,000 ITF women, Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Poland: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Weronika Falkowska (Pol) & Ankita Raina bt Marcelina Podlinska & Wiktoria Rutkowska (Pol) 6-2, 6-1.

$60,000 ITF women, San Bartolome, Spain: Second round: Irene Burillo Escorihuela (Esp) bt Rutuja Bhosale 6-2, 6-4.

IN BRIEF

Vedant advances

BENGALURU

Vedant Gundu defeated Kaushikh Rajesh 6-1, 6-2 to enter the boys' semifinals of the KSLTA Transform Super Series under-14 tennis tournament at the KSLTA Stadium on Wednesday. In the girls' quarterfinals, Shaivi Dalal outclassed Saanvi Misra 6-1, 6-3.

Natasha: triumph of grit over impairment

The Peurto Rican with partial vision says playing with special board is her right

LAVANYA LAKSHMINARAYANAN
CHENNAI

In a sea of players from 186 countries currently in Mamallapuram for the 44th Chess Olympiad, Peurto Rico's Natasha Morales Santos is easy to miss. What isn't is her special board – a Braille variant which instantly catches your attention when the room goes silent at the start of play.

"I can't see with my left eye and only have partial vision in my right one. It's a condition I have from birth," the 24-year-old woman international master explains.

Mark of her right

Her special board has captured the fancy of fellow-players, spectators and the media alike but, for Santos, it is a mark of her right to play the sport.

"Earlier, I did not know about the Braille board so I played on the regular board, but I lost many games because I used to get very tired and get constant headaches trying to keep up on a regular board. It got to a point where my family and I needed to look for another way for me to continue in the game. I loved chess but I couldn't carry on that way. That's when the Puerto Rican federation helped us find a Braille board," she says.

Making a point: Natasha has no qualms about her disability, but insists her persona has a lot more to it. • B. VELANKANNI RAJ

"Many players did not know about these provisions. People did not think or agree that I needed to play with this board. They didn't see why I should get to play. But the federation underlined that it's my right to play this game," Santos adds.

Among the top-rated woman's players in her nation (1924 points), Santos often struggles with what her story symbolises for those who get to know her.

"I don't have a problem talking about my disability, because it's something I am born with. I don't like it when the only important thing is my disability. Yes, it is a quality I have and an impairment, but it does not describe me as a person or a player," she says.

> **I don't have a problem talking about my disability, because it's something I am born with**

Window to chess

Online chess has been her window to chess long before the COVID-19 pandemic saw it become the norm.

"I am the first person from my family to play chess, so I used to play online.

"I've been able to make good friendships with players and even found trainers from other countries to help my game online," she explains.

Santos has one goal on her vision board – becoming a Woman Grandmaster, which will make her the first from her country to earn the title.

No medal, but Srihari garners immense credit

'Important to focus on both positives and negatives, not just on what went wrong'

SWIMMING

N. SUDARSHAN
BENGALURU

Srihari Nataraj may not have secured a podium finish at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, but he no doubt emerged with immense credit.

Amidst a glut of medals for the Indians across sports, the swimmer's performances may have caught the eye only fleetingly, but they represented significant improvements for Indian swimming.

Narrow miss

The 21-year-old's fifth-place finish in the men's 50m backstroke was the best position by an able-bodied Indian swimmer at the CWG. In 100m backstroke, he clocked 54.31s to finish seventh, with the bronze a quarter second away. In 200m backstroke heats, he came home in 2:00.84s, the best-ever by an Indian, to finish just outside the top-eight and narrowly miss out on the final.

Taking heart: It is nice to know that I am the best Indian, says Srihari. • AP

"Overall, it was a good performance," Srihari said, from Birmingham. "Unfortunate that I missed out on a medal... considering my best time (53.77, 100m backstroke) would have won gold.

Clear goal

"On that day all I had was 54.3(1). We came into the meet with the clear goal of winning a medal. It is nice to know that I am the best Indian. But it wasn't what we had in mind.

"[But] there are some positives. I have been having really good starts. As the meet progressed, I started looking better and in 200m, I looked the best. It's important to focus on both positives and negatives and not just on what went wrong."

Swimming is one of those few sports that is fiercely competitive even at the continental level. At CWG, there are the Australians, South Africans and the Brits. At the Asian Games, there are the Chinese and the Japanese. There is simply no respite.

"I wouldn't say it is pressure. I enjoy it and [am] kind of glad that every tournament is tough to medal at. It also gives us an idea how many guys you have to do better than. Like if I get to beat all ten here, then at the Worlds it is a couple of more guys from the USA. I look at it that way."

For now, Srihari is looking at a period of rest, following the postponement of Asian Games to 2023. "I have had a long season since the Olympics. I can now let my body recover. If Asian Games had been this year, it would have been two meets for me to peak at. So, in a way, it's good. Next season there is going to be the Asian Games and the World Championships. I will be building towards those."